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sensitive quick tricks.

3.—Quick trick showing plays the most important part.

4.—Forcing bids must be kept open until game is arrived at.

5.—Original two forcing bids should not be made unless prepared to go to game even though partner has a trickless hand.

6.—When partner makes an original bid and you have sufficient quick tricks to produce game, you should make a jump shift bid which is a forcing bid.

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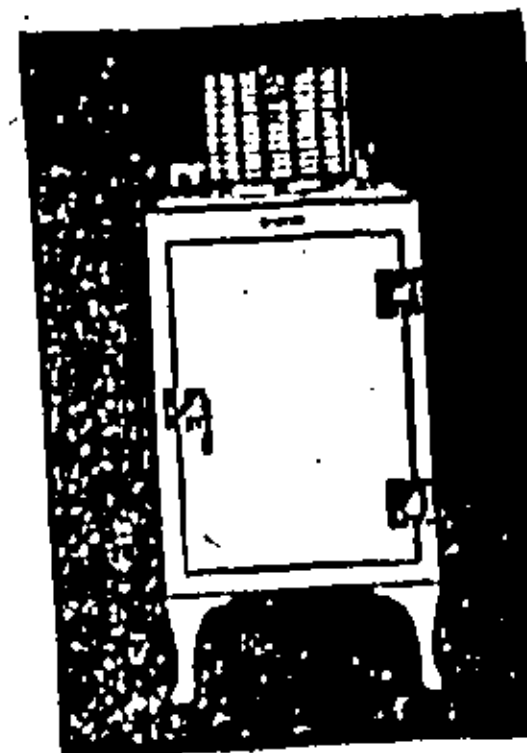
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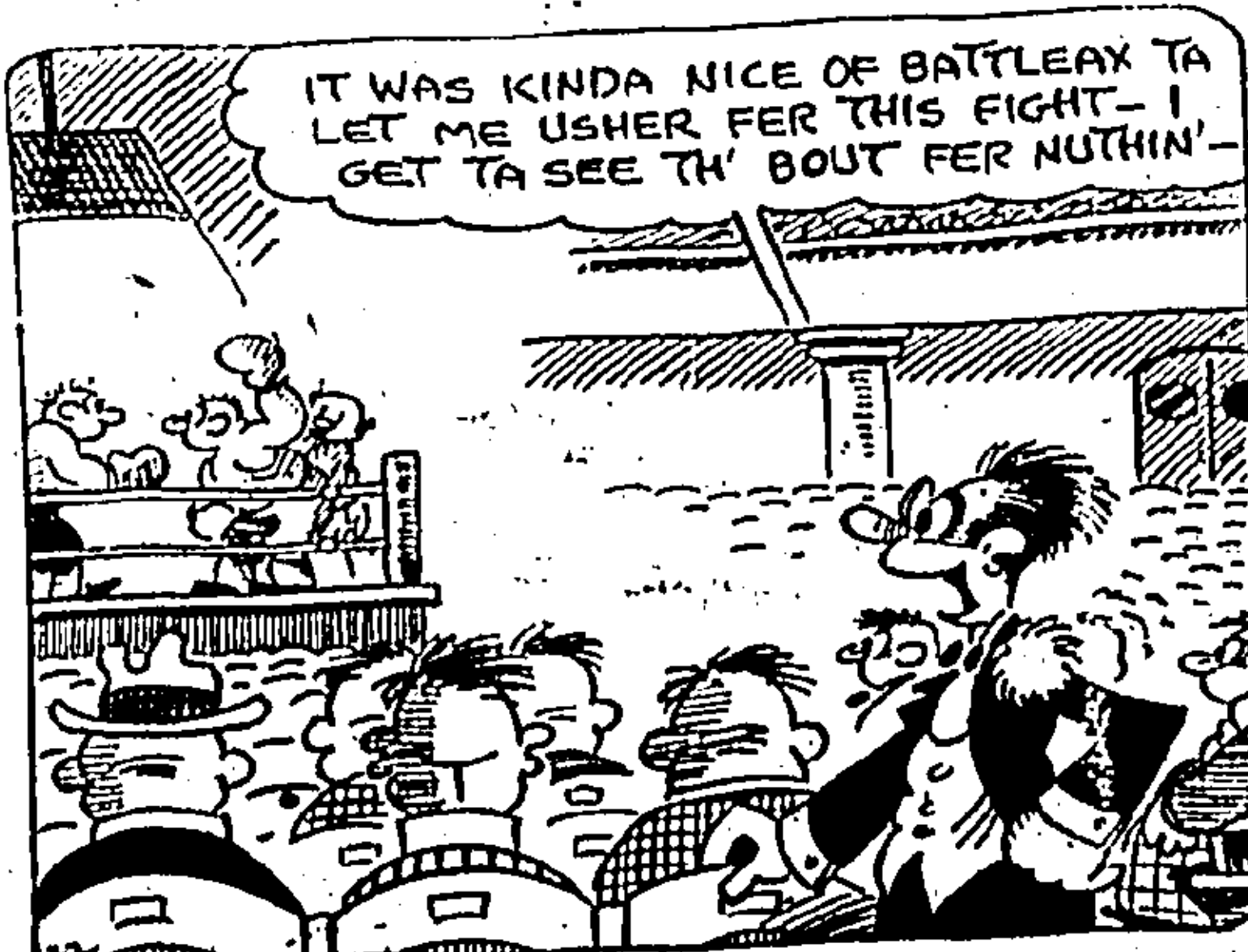
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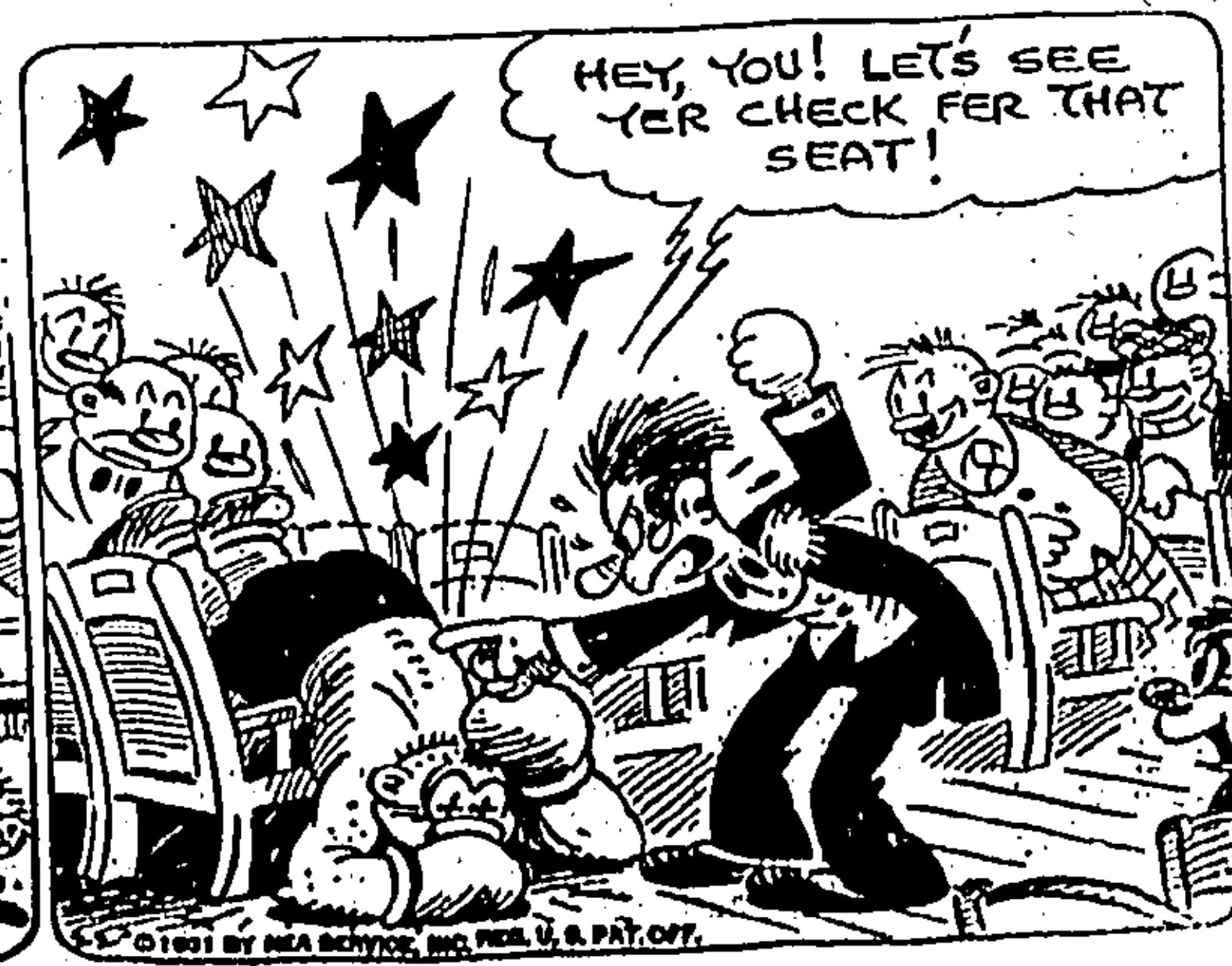
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This picture, rushed by plane from the storm area, shows the havoc wrought by a cyclone at Newport, Ala. It is typical of the appearance of a number of towns in the storm area, where nearly 200 persons were killed, hundreds injured and tremendous property damage wrought.

## the dime-a-dance girl

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rossiter, a successful dancer at the "Dime-a-Dance" club, lives with her mother, Molly Rossiter, her elder sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. The two girls support the family. Molly, who is a spinster, saves money to pay the rent. Steven Barclay, 27 and Ellen's employer, lends her an evening dress so she can secure a job night dancing at Dreamland. At the dance hall she meets fascinating Larry Harrowgate, an artist. Later she breaks an engagement with Larry when she learns he is engaged to Elizabeth Brown, a debutante. However, when he comes to Dreamland demanding an explanation, she makes another date with him for Sunday.

Her mother and sister favour Barclay's suit. Sunday morning Ellen and her mother quarrel when the girl declines an engagement with Barclay.

Molly bursts into tears and Ellen, repentant, promises she will do her best to fall in love with the older man.

### CHAPTER XII

"How do you know it's Mr. Barclay?" Myra demanded as Ellen leaped from the bed, reached for a flannel dressing gown and belted it over her pyjamas.

"He asked yesterday if he might call her some time."

"Did you give him Mrs. Barclay's number?"

"No, but I guess it's on file. He must have looked up my card at the store."

The bedroom door opened and Molly entered. She was visibly excited. Her black, curly hair stood out in little drake-tails. Her blue eyes blazed. For once she had not even taken time to powder her pretty face.

"Hurry, child," she said to Ellen. "You mustn't keep Mr. Barclay waiting. It's bad enough having no phone."

Again Ellen felt a rising irritation. "What makes you so sure it's Mr. Barclay?" she snapped.

"I've got a hunch," Molly admitted, dimpling and smiling mysteriously. "Don't be so slow, honey."

"I can't run through the halls with no stockings on, can I?"

Ellen took a quick brush at her hair, slipped into pumps and ran out of the apartment and down the four flights of stairs. The only telephone in the house was in Mrs. Barclay's apartment on the first floor. The six families who occupied the building were, in the generous phrase of Mrs. Barclay, "perfectly welcome to use the phone so long as they pay for outgoing calls."

And so long as they let Mrs. Barclay listen in on their business. Ellen had thought privately.

Sure enough, the fat, good-natured Irish woman was waiting in the hall at the foot of the stairs.

For all the world like a muster of ceremonies, she said, "Right this way." Then after she had shown Ellen where the telephone was (as if Ellen had not known before) she placidly settled herself in the vicinity of the conversation. Unfortunately for the listener the conversation was extremely short. Ellen replaced the receiver, presented her thanks and prepared to leave. Mrs. Barclay saw a golden opportunity.

She said quickly and ingratiatingly, "Was that the rich fellow your mother was telling me all about?"

"I don't know who you mean," Ellen replied coldly.

"Sure you do," said Mrs. Barclay, chuckling. "I mean Mr. Steven Barclay, your boss. Your mother said he was fairly daft over you."

Ellen had to smile.

"Yes, it was Mr. Barclay," she admitted to the other's evident pleasure. She even added, "Mr. Barclay wanted me to go driving with him this afternoon."

"I heard you saying that you wouldn't go," Mrs. Barclay confessed. "That's too bad. It's such a nice day for an automobile ride."

"Yes, it is, isn't it?" Ellen agreed and made her escape.

Ellen returned to the bedroom. Myra was dressing but Molly had collapsed on the bed and was nibbling at a bit of toast. Both fell abruptly silent at Ellen's entrance and she realized that they had been discussing her. Let them, thought Ellen grimly.

"Won't you tell us about your call?" asked Molly, after a delicate interval of silence. "Or is it a secret?"

"There's nothing much to tell," said Ellen airily. "It was Steven Barclay. He wanted me for a drive this afternoon."

"Ah!" said Molly.

There was another interval of silence. Myra looked sharply at her sister but Ellen's gaze was bland and innocent. Presently she said to her mother, "I'd like to invite a friend to supper."

"Who is it?" asked Molly. She thought she knew the answer. A look of complete astonishment crossed her face when Ellen corrected the impression.

"But Ellen!" she cried in dismay. "What about Mr. Barclay?"

"What about him?" repeated Ellen.

"You said he'd asked you for a drive."

"So he did. I told him I couldn't go. I can't either. I have a date this afternoon with Larry. I thought it would be nice to bring him here afterwards for supper."

Molly shifted tactics. "I would like to have your friend for supper," she said, her eyes clear and limpid, "but it's out of the question, honey. There's not a clean tablecloth in the house for one thing; they're all at the laundry. Besides Mrs. Barclay is coming up. I've already asked her."

Ellen suspected that her mother was being perverse. She was sure of it when Molly with an aggrieved air remarked that she supposed a daughter of hers would have too much pride to want to see a man already engaged to another woman. She struck home there. But she was not content to let the matter rest.

"Personally I think it rather odd of the Harrowgate boy to ask you for an engagement under the circumstances," said Molly. "In my day it would have been considered dishonourable."

"You don't know whether it's dishonourable or not," Ellen said angrily, ignoring her own secret doubts. "Larry has no way of knowing that I might consider the fact that he is engaged important. I don't consider it important. I like him—that's enough! This isn't the Victorian age after all."

"There's no use discussing it," observed Molly lightly. "We wouldn't agree, I'm sure."

Molly Rossiter could, when she chose, adopt the most exasperating mood in the world. She chose just then to adopt that mood. When Ellen asked her to meet Larry, Molly remembered a previous engagement to go walking with Mrs. Barclay. Mrs. Barclay was a great aid to Molly in managing her daughters. Whenever they made a request she did not wish to grant Mrs. Barclay, in one way or another, became a ward in her charge. Ellen understood that as did Myra. But the family rules forbade any mention of the fiction.

"I'm sorry you can't meet him," Ellen said at last with cold finality.

"I'm sorry, too," conceded Molly. Turning to Myra she said plausively, "Would you mind, honey, getting me some coffee? Lots of cream and I like it weak. Would you be a lamb and make a fresh pot."

Of course Myra would. But as she walked to the kitchen she was



War weary but smiling, these officers and men of the heroic Chinese 19th Route army are shown at billets in their new lines. Cantonese boys, for the most part, the young leaders and their peasant followers went through the stiffest fighting of the Shanghai area—and kept on smiling.



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hoping Molly would be cautious. Never in her life had Molly been cautious.

"Did Mr. Barclay say anything special over the phone?" she demanded the instant the door had closed behind Myra. "Anything that you might not want anybody except me to know?"

"No," replied Ellen, half smiling, half sighing at Molly's terrier-like persistence. "He didn't say anything more than I've told you."

"Was he surprised yesterday when you returned the dress?"

"I don't think so."

Molly clasped her hands about her knees and stared dreamily out into the hot afternoon. A little smile flickered across her lips.

"I've been thinking," she remarked meditatively, "and believe you were right in declining his invitation this afternoon. He will appreciate you all the more for checking him at first. Men are like that."

"I didn't refuse for that reason and I'm sure you know I didn't," said Ellen in intense exasperation. "We've gone over and over this and you know exactly how I feel. I can't think of anything so dishonest as encouraging a man I don't love."

"Well," countered Molly in well-simulated surprise, "I for one can't understand your ethics. Do you think it less dishonest to go running around with a man who is not free, a man engaged to another girl?"

Ellen was halted. "I'm not proud of that part of it," she said in a shamed voice.

"The trouble is that you always believe you're right and I'm wrong," Molly continued in a sad little tone. "I'm older and more experienced. I'm your mother and you should respect my opinions. I can't see why any girl would want to risk her reputation—that's what you're doing—running around with a man who cared so little for her as Larry Harrowgate seems to care for you when—"

"When there is a chance of roping in a rich man," Ellen interrupted furiously.

"It's just as easy to love a rich man as a poor one," Molly agreed placidly, ignoring the storm signals. "There were dozens of other

men I could have married, but when I saw your father—"

"You loved him," Ellen broke in triumphantly. "And I don't and never could love Steven Barclay. Heavens! He's over 30 years older than I am!"

She had made a mistake. The point was Molly's.

"Ellen Rossiter! I never thought you'd speak to your mother like this. Your father was 26 years older than I was. And you know it."

She burst into hysterical tears. "Oh, mother, can't you understand?" Ellen wailed. "You're one person and I'm another. I wasn't for a minute inferring that you didn't love father. I know you did. But can't you see that I'm different?"

"You're so different," sobbed Molly, "that you never think of anyone except yourself. The fact that I work myself to the bone, that Mike has nothing, that Myra whom you profess to love has worked herself to death for nine years waiting for enough money to get married, means nothing to you when you meet a young man with no money, no prospects, already entangled with another woman. You've forgotten us all."

At just that moment Myra came in with fresh coffee. She had hurried but she saw at once that she had not been quick enough. Molly lay at the foot of the bed, a sobbing, hysterical heap, and Ellen was trying frantically to comfort her.

"What is it?" Myra asked.

"It looks as if I'm even less lucky than you," Ellen answered without looking up.

"Stop crying, mother," she said gently. "Stop crying. Can you hear what I'm saying? I won't refuse any more of Steven Barclay's invitations. I'll do my very best to fall in love with him."

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### A CAUTIOUS BUDGET

Of all the adjectives which have been used by the London Press in describing Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Budget, "cautious" is probably the one which most truthfully reflects the spirit in which the nation's financial problems have been faced. Indeed, it will not be at all surprising if, by this time next year, it is found that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has been unduly conservative in his estimates of income. There are, happily, prospects of improving trade and more employment, and, if these are realised, the financial situation should be correspondingly bettered. Mr. Chamberlain, however, is apparently content to err, if at all, on the right side. Millionaires do not seem to be in a hurry to die, with the result that last year the death duty receipts did not come up to anticipations. Whether the Treasury is banking on some of last year's "expectations" dying more in accordance with schedule in the coming twelve months, and is framing its estimates accordingly, has not been disclosed.

Speaking generally, it must be conceded that Mr. Chamberlain's Budget is featureless when contrasted with the emergency proposals put forward last September by Lord Snowden. The situation then, with a prospective deficit of £74,000,000, called for drastic remedies, and these were certainly applied to good effect. Indeed, the Snowden plan, which completely changed the outlook, yielded nine millions more than was expected. This naturally simplified Mr. Chamberlain's task. Boiled down, the new Budget suggests the likelihood of a deficit of £1,700,000 on the basis of existing taxation, but even on the moderate estimates put forward, there is a prospect of a surplus of £790,000 when the proposed new taxes come into operation. The position is satisfactory, but in view of the heavy burden of taxation under which the people of the Old Country are still struggling, it might reasonably have been hoped that some relief would have been afforded. Instead of that, it looks distinctly probable that living costs may go up as a consequence of the ten-tax proposals. It may be sound finance, in face of continued uncertainties, to consolidate the financial position and ask the people to be patient a little longer, but there is such a thing as straining the patience of the taxpayer, who, on Mr. Chamberlain's own admission, has saved the situation by his sense of duty and citizenship. It is admittedly something to be proud of that, at a time when other nations are finding it impossible to balance their budgets, Britain should have so well managed her financial problems as to come out on the right side. But the question does arise whether Mr. Cham-

berlain could not have taken a more optimistic view of the position, and shown some reflection of that attitude by granting relief to those whose sacrifices have made it possible for him to report such a sound position.

The situation is, of course, rendered somewhat uncertain by reason of the fact that the war debts and reparations issues still remain unsettled. The Budget contains no provision under these headings. Everything will depend in this connection on the outcome of the Lausanne Conference. If, as is indicated, Mr. Hoover does not intend to extend the moratorium, a further complication will be introduced, but it is obvious that there can be no really worldwide trade revival until reparations and war debts have been finally got out of the way. How and when that will happen, time alone will show. In the meantime, these obligations and expectations have to be kept in suspense so far as British finance is concerned.

### Trade Wars.

At the present moment when there is still much talk of persuading the Powers to declare a boycott upon Japan, it might be enquired whether anybody has any adequate notion of how such a boycott should be organised and enforced. Very considerable as is the trade between Britain and Japan, at its largest it engages the attention of comparatively few British business houses. In 1930 Britain bought from Japan £8,064,000. Exports to the same country were £8,229,000. Imports are almost wholly of silk; exports largely of machinery and manufactured goods. Should Britain, either independently or in connexion with the League, declare a boycott, it would mean imposition of heavy loss, probably of bankruptcy, upon a group of importers and manufacturers. What would be the attitude then towards this limited class upon whom would fall the entire cost of disciplining Japan? Would its loss be made good from the treasury? When a nation goes to war its young men within certain age limits become universally subject to conscription. They endure on the battlefield incredible sufferings, and even sacrifice of their lives. Long acquiescence in this form of barbarism has elevated it to something like a religion, and youth is expected to be satisfied by being told that it is sweet and glorious to die for one's country. There are signs of revolt against this theory. But up to the present time, it has not been permissible under the law to seize the property of individuals for warlike purposes without due compensation. Those of us who have urged that there is no sacredness to property which does not accrue even in higher degree to human life, and that therefore capital, wealth, should be as subject to conscription as man power, have been told that under the Constitution this is impossible. It may be true. But if it is impossible would it be possible to put the entire burden of disciplining a refractory and aggressive nation, Japan or any other, upon the limited group of business men having trade relations with that country? We do not know that this matter has ever been adjudicated. We doubt indeed whether it has ever been given serious consideration by the authorities. To-day there is certainly enough discussion of a boycott to justify some sort of official declaration as to how and at whose expense this trade war, only relatively less costly than war of the usual sort, could be waged.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In reply to "Homo's" letter in your issue of the 18th instant, as I am sure that his prejudice against Hongkong women is due to the fact that he has been snubbed by them, I would ask him to take his defeat like a good sportsman, and give honour to whom honour is due:  
(1) The crowning glory of man is his health, strength and mental energy.  
(2) The crowning glory of woman is her beauty, modesty and purity.  
(3) Give a man happiness, contentment and peace of heart, mind and soul, which comes from God, and he becomes a man without malice, envy or fear.—Yours, etc., J. P. V. REMEDIOS.

## DAY BY DAY

EVERYBODY, GROWS OLD, FEW PEOPLE GROW.—Israel Zangwill.

The P. & O. s.s. Chitral has been unavoidably delayed in Hongkong and will not sail until 6 a.m. to-morrow (Friday).

Miss Clementi, daughter of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, has left Singapore for home aboard the P. & O. liner Corfu.

Mr. B. Paul will speak on "The Lost Continent" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

The nominations for a vacancy occurring in the Sanitary Board closed at noon yesterday, the only two names submitted being those of Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, J. P., and Dr. Li Shu-fan.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido and the anticyclone is central to the south of Korea. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy, fog; mist or occasional rain.

Captain Rosalesky, master of the s.s. Yuet On, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hale, at the Marine Court, this morning, with having allowed his ship to be so loaded as to submerge the centre of the disc at 7 p.m. on April 19 at the Tung On Wharf. On admitting the charge, a fine of \$100 was imposed.

A further week's formal remand was granted by Mr. Wynne Jones, at the Central Police Court this morning, in the case in which George Arthur de Houx de Fastree is charged with entering the Colony without a proper passport and with being in unlawful possession of a revolver. His Worship remarked that Mr. de Houx de Fastree, who was appearing for the defendant, had sent a message to say that he was indisposed, suffering, it was feared, from appendicitis. However, he had not received any communication from Swatow regarding the defendant and desired another week's remand.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets were somewhat patchy this morning, a strong demand prevailing for a few selected stocks, but no interest being shown in the rest of the list.

Sales  
Ewo Cottons Tls. 15  
Buyers  
Douglases \$20 1/2  
Benguet \$15  
Benguet Explorations 29 cents  
Wanwee \$143 1/2  
Docks \$21 1/2  
Providents (Old) \$470  
Providents (New) \$24  
Hotels (Cum. Rights) \$13.15  
Hotels (Rights) \$2.40  
Hongkong Realty \$11.40  
Chinese Estates \$9  
Hongkong Trams \$21 1/2  
Yau-mat Ferries \$36 1/2  
China Lights (Old) \$20 1/2  
Macao Electric \$24 1/2  
Cements (Combined) \$18.20  
Lane, Crawford (Old) \$5.70  
Mackintoshes \$20  
Govt. Loans 3 3/4 Promium  
Sellers  
Benguet \$15 1/2  
South China Motor "B" \$12  
Humphreys \$10 1/2  
Telephones (P.P.) \$30  
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.60  
S. C. Enterprises \$10

# THE AIR- WIDOWER

By GERARD FAIRLIE

A NEW FORM of blackmail is being used against me. As usual I am the victim, but the villain in this case is my wife. Let me put it on record that I am an air-widower. When I make a complaint I am told that this state has come upon me of my own choosing. To a certain extent I suppose this is true: my wife has learnt to fly and flies on every conceivable occasion, and behind that statement lies the whole truth of my depressing situation.

Obviously, since she has learnt to fly, she likes flying; equally obviously, since I am an air-widower, I loathe it. I am told that I can put an end to this state of affairs at any moment by agreeing to fly and taking an interest in the air.

In point of fact I have always taken a very great interest in the air ever since machines of my own making, with wings cut from some daily newspaper and attached to the fuselage by means of stamp hinges, occasionally reinforced by match sticks and acetate, tried to make the perilous crossing of the burn at the bottom of the garden. But these machines had one inestimable advantage over the aeroplane of to-day; I was not expected, and indeed could not, have gone up in them.

So it will be clear that this method so confidently recommended to me in order to end my premature widowhood is one which I cannot accept. I must find another way.

When I point out this indisputable fact to my wife she asks me for the reasons which have brought me to this emphatic refusal to fly. I have three definite objections to the aeroplane of to-day, apart from the one (personal inclination) which in itself would keep me out of the air.

They are Speed, Visibility, and Noise. There are various other smaller objections. I resent, for instance, the distinct possibility that I might be asked to start up the aeroplane by swinging the propeller. Why all aeroplanes should not be fitted with self-starters I cannot conceive, in view of the fact that a perfectly efficient starter is actually on the market. Experts object to the suggestion on the grounds that a self-starter means added weight.

This is indisputable, but the added weight is so very small and is not sufficient to interfere with the efficiency of the machine in view of the added safety and added convenience. A propeller, at speed can do infinite damage to something far more resisting than myself.

But the pursuit of safety seems to be about as far from the aeroplane designer's mind as Australia is from England; in other words, just about as far as it can be.

Let us look at the first of the three objections which I have mentioned above—the question of Speed. Every aeroplane, as all the world now knows since all the world-bar one—is now air-minded (this according to my wife), has a certain speed below which it cannot safely fly, and another speed, a few miles per hour slower, at which it cannot fly at all.

Aeroplane designers have been engrossed in making aeroplanes

which will fly faster and faster. They have not been devoting their minds to the far more important point of reducing the speed at which an aeroplane will fly and thus enabling a machine to land very much more slowly and consequently very much more safely. In other words, aeroplane designers have been all out to capture the market which undoubtedly exists for speed and more speed, to captivate the imagination of the man who has a large amount of money to spend; and will spend it on buying a fast racing motor car.

I confess that this attitude is beyond me. I cannot understand why, since an aeroplane designer has to live like anybody else, he should deliberately eschew the big market for the small one. There are far more people who will buy cars in which they are more comfortable and will get about at a reasonable speed than there are people who will buy second-hands from Brooklands; and so it must be with flying. If all the world is air-minded.

Commercial aeroplanes, of course, require speed, but there is plenty of room for the designer of the safe aeroplane as well, and with very few exceptions (notably the introduction of slotted wings and of the autogiro) there has been no invention towards the road of safety; all designers seem to have gone by the side-road leading to speed and still greater speed.

To an extent, of course, this is understandable. Wright in 1908 and Bleriot also, and a little later Dunne and the brothers Henry and Maurice Farman, produced machines to fly—and all good health to them. Then came that disturbance known as the Great War, and with its peculiar needs, one of the most important being the necessity of speed, which gave predominance to any Air Force.

But the war ended in 1918, and since then with designers it has still been purely a question of increasing the speed and not aiming at lowering it and making flying more safe.

The excuse of the war does not seem to me still to exist after over thirteen years, particularly as commercial designers seem to be making it more difficult for themselves to acquire vast profits, by suggesting inconsistently by the machines they produce that the demand for private aeroplanes is limited to the big sports car owner.

My second objection—the lack of visibility in the modern aeroplane—is a most important one to me. I get into an aeroplane; I rise into the air and I see absolutely nothing except struts and planes and bits of engine. Occasionally I catch a glimpse of the horizon, and it is usually at such an angle that I wish I hadn't seen it. I am told that it is not long before a pilot recovers from this feeling and is able to see comparatively well, but the range of vision is definitely limited to a degree which does not seem to me to be compatible with safety.

Collisions in the air are by no means unknown, and many of these could have been avoided had a clear vision been allowed the pilot by the designer. In this the modern aeroplane has gone back definitely from those produced at the beginning of the war by the brothers Farman.

And then there is this question of noise. Silencers are too heavy and therefore they cannot be used. I am prepared to admit that this is the least of my troubles when in the air, and that perhaps it cannot yet be overcome. But some day it will be possible, and I have not noticed that the trend of modern aeroplane engine construction is any way towards silence.

No—I am a severe critic of those in whose hands the evolution of aircraft depends. If I saw that they were trying to do some of the things which I have suggested I might conceivably go up once a year just to encourage them, but at the moment I prefer, because of my personal safety and my personal comfort, to remain on the ground.

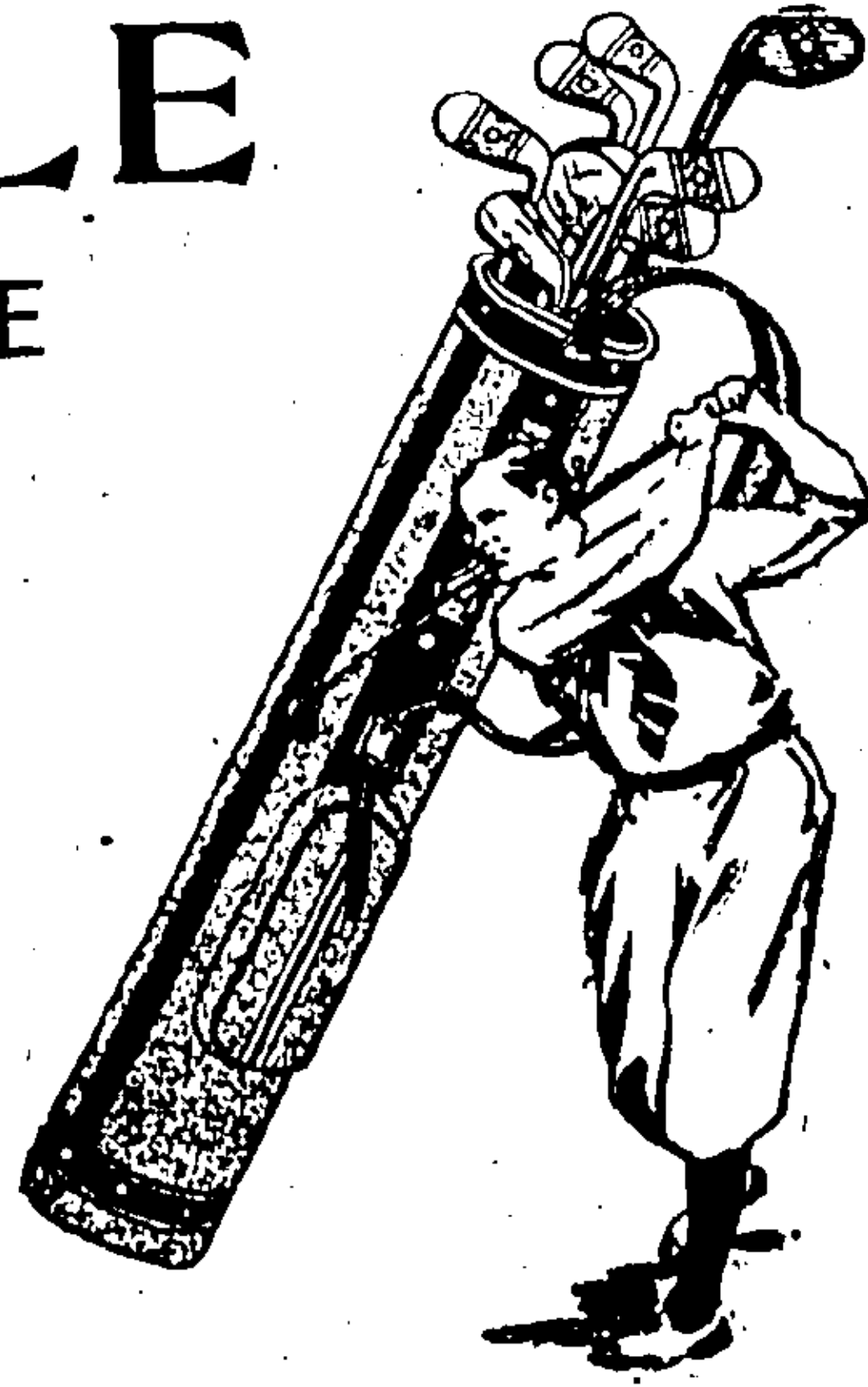
### SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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**FALL OF AMOY IMMINENT****CHANG CHEN IN RETREAT**

The fall of Amoy to General Sun Lien-chang is expected hourly. General Chang Chen's army is retreating in disorder before the "rebel" army.

H.M.S. Devonshire, which is standing by in Amoy, sent the following message to the local naval authorities this morning:

General Chang Chen's army has split up into two main portions. One portion is retreating southwards in the direction of Changpu, with General Chang Chen, and other is retreating northwards in the direction of Tungan.

A certain number of civilian refugees are landing at Kulangau and small bodies of armed troops, presumed to be those of General Chang's army, are landing in junk and motor boats in the vicinity of Shihun. They are being evacuated seaward in steam launches, presumably under the direction of Admiral Li, whose gunboats are at present patrolling the waters at Amoy and Kulangau.

Boat traffic is prohibited by the Chinese naval authorities between 2 a.m. and daylight. The local situation is quiet.

**QUID PRO QUO SUGGESTED****MORNING POST AND TEA UTILITY**

London, Apr. 21.

With the re-imposition of the duty on tea no man of sense will quarrel, declares the *Morning Post* in a leading article, pointing out that the recent influx of Dutch Colonial tea has resulted in disastrous losses to the British Empire industry in severe losses.

Expressing the hope that the mischief will now be undone, the *Morning Post* comments that it would be hardly fair that a Colony like Ceylon, whose tea is to enjoy a valuable preference in the British market, should not give a corresponding advantage to British trade in Ceylon.—*Reuter*.

**THE DANUBIAN CRISIS****RESULT OF MEETING AT INNSBRUCK**

Innsbruck, Apr. 20.

The conference convened by the International Chamber of Commerce to discuss assistance to the Danubian States has concluded its deliberations.

A resolution was adopted appealing to all countries to do their utmost to create conditions to help in the removal of the world crisis and restore mutual confidence.

The Conference felt that a Danubian Antarchy must not be considered, but close and permanent co-operation of the States with third parties is necessary.—*Reuter*.

**BRITISH CLAIMS ON SOVIET****CASH AND PROPERTY SEIZURES**

London, Apr. 20.

Questioned as to the total amount of claims of British nationals against the Soviet Government, in respect of cash and property in Russia appropriated without compensation, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade said that insofar as the amounts were indicated by the claimants, the total claims recorded in the Russian Claims Department amounted to upwards of 260 million roubles.

There were also various amounts expressed in other currencies.—*British Wireless*.

**RUN ORGY BY THE GIANTS****YESTERDAY'S BALL GAMES**

New York, Apr. 20.

New York scored a double success in the baseball world to-day, the results being:

National League.	Score
Philadelphia	5 New York
Pittsburg	7 St. Louis
Chicago	2 Cincinnati

American League.	Score
New York	8 Philadelphia
Washington	4 Boston
St. Louis	5 Chicago
Cleveland	1 Detroit

**LADY'S HANDBAG STOLEN****LAD FOUND GUILTY AT KOWLOON**

Giving his age as 14, but looking older, Lau Kam-yuen, a rattle worker, was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with the theft of a handbag, the property of Mrs. E. Kutz, a passenger on the Empress of Russia lying alongside Kowloon Wharf.

Prosecuting, Detective Inspector Elston said Sultan Mohammed, an Automobile Association scout, was standing at the car-park in Salisbury Road yesterday morning when he saw the defendant holding a ladies' handbag and stuffing money into his pocket. His suspicions were aroused and he questioned the defendant, who thereupon ran away, but was chased, caught and taken to the Water Police Station. The contents of the bag were worth \$400 (Hongkong currency).

Defendant denied the charge, saying that he was given the bag by a cooie, who told him to wait for him in Salisbury Road.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship convicted the defendant. Inspector Elston said that from inquiries made by the police, it appeared that defendant's parents were dead. He had been sent from the country to Hongkong by his grandfather, who intended him to be a rattle worker, and with this end in view, put him in a rattle shop in Canton Road. He was dismissed about six weeks ago for being lazy.

His Worship decided to send the defendant to the S.C.A. for further enquiries and postponed sentence until Saturday.

**TROPICAL DISEASE EXPERT****SHARES MUSSOLINI PRIZE**

Rome, Apr. 20.

Sir Aldo Castellani, the well-known authority on tropical diseases, is among four recipients of the Mussolini Prize of 50,000 lire for special distinction last year.

Director of Tropical Medicine and Dermatology at the Ross Institute and Hospital, Sir Aldo is chiefly known for his discovery of the etiological effects of sleeping sickness and yaws, for the elucidation of the etiology of several other diseases, and for description of new tropical diseases and their causes. He was born in Florence in 1875.—*Reuter*.

**PARKED CARS MAY BE LOCKED****BRITISH BAN BEING REMOVED**

London, Apr. 20.

The Transport Minister announced in the House of Commons the removal as an experiment, of the restriction on locking motor cars in parking places.

Hitherto locking has been forbidden so that the police could if necessary move stationary cars. It is hoped that the amendment of the regulations may curb the activities of car thieves.—*British Wireless*.

**LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED****SILVER RISES IN LONDON**

Although silver is up in London, the local dollar remains unchanged at 1s. 2½d. The market here is steady.

London reported a rise of 3/16ths, spot and forward. China bought, and after the official fixing the market ruled quiet but steady. New York silver prices remain unchanged, with the market dull.

**MINERS' HOURS PROBLEM****NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN URGED**

London, Apr. 20.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, in an interview with representatives of the Miners' Federation, urged the resumption of negotiations with owners on the hours question, which is governed by the Act expiring on 8th July.

Later, Mr. Runciman met the Mining Association, which is the owners' organisation.—*British Wireless*.

**MEN & WOMEN IN ARGUMENT****SPARKLING Y.M.C.A. DEBATE****LADIES' TRIUMPH**

A magnificent closing speech by Miss Curtin proved the deciding factor in the vote at the Y.M.C.A. debate last night, and following the brightest and most entertaining discussion of the season, the ladies speakers won the day and secured the acceptance of the motion "That the Professions have been improved through their adoption by women," by 53 votes to 34.

From the opening address of the proposer, the debate attained a high standard of whimsical, witty and trenchant argument, and the words of the plying men and women provided one of the most entertaining evenings of the winter programme of the Y.M.C.A.

Miss K. P. Curtin, who proposed the motion, pointed out that through the ages woman had lent to many professions her powers of stimulation, inspiration, sympathy, tact, intuitive discernment, and passionate determination, unacknowledged of men save by the rare few. In support of this Miss Curtin mentioned Cleopatra, who made such successful excursions into the realm of politics, the Queen of Sheba, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. In the realm of art there had Solome in ancient times and Pavlova in modern times as examples of women who had contributed much to the dance, while in literature there was Sappho in ancient Greece, Jane Austen, the Brontës, Alice Meynell and many others in modern England. In dramatic art there was Mrs. Siddons, Duse, Dame Ellen Terry and Dame Sybil Thorndyke, although it had to be recognised that woman's creative work in the Arts was only just beginning, and it would have to be left to future ages to decide the full extent of her powers in this field.

**Woman's Special Qualities.**

The speaker went on to refer to the obvious value of women in the nursing, medical and teaching professions, and said that in the legal profession women brought special qualities, particularly that subtle sense essential to the legal mind. Shakespeare had himself immortalised her powers in this direction in his characterisation of Portia.

Finally Miss Curtin attributed the following qualities to woman, showing how, through them, she was improving the professions:—Moral and physical courage, fortitude, incredible endurance of pain and hardships, determination, reliability and devotion to duty.

Mr. A. E. Jeffries, who led the opposition, was in a humorous mood, and gave the audience the benefit of some of his wittiest observations and epigrams. He quickly got down to his points. "Are there among you any who, having to undergo a serious operation, would go on the table content in the knowledge that the knife was being held by a woman?" he asked. In navigation and engineering, women had only encroached, as they had in the other professions, but had added nothing to them. The teaching profession had been the fashion for women for many years, yet he would bring before them the pitiful case of a woman to whose lot it fell the task of fitting the speaker (Mr. Jeffries) to meeting the world in the kindergarten, women teachers were necessary, but to say that the teaching profession as a whole had been improved by women, well—

**Women Must Bleat!**

Mr. Jeffries later gave a few reasons why women could never improve the professions. She lacked decision, he said. A woman could make up her eyes, her hair, her lips, her cheeks, but never her mind! Woman lacked solidity, being a slave to fashion in all phases of life.

Woman was so logically constituted, physically, that she could not expect to be so mentally as well. Remind a woman of the scientific fact that her brain-weights was less than a man's and you would incur her wrath, but point out to her that her feet were smaller than yours, and she became your friend for life. Woman's greatest strength was her weakness. Let them rest content that always it would be that men must work and women must bleat!

Miss H. M. Knill seconded the motion. She argued that the fact that women were being better educated and were now able to take their place in the professional work of to-day, participating in the intellectual, moral and physical interests of the nations, but with the feminine attitude of mind towards the problems that arise in the professions, had of necessity broadened the field of scope

**WUCHOW NOTES****ANOTHER BRITISH PLANE**

Wuchow, Apr. 19.

A large grey biplane arrived in Wuchow from the east yesterday morning, and several hours later left the air field for Nanning. The plane is alleged to be another one of the shipment of fourteen large planes which a British aeroplane concern is supplying the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

The workmen installing Wuchow's waterworks system are at present erecting wooden forms and adjusting reinforcement iron preparatory to pouring concrete, which is to be used in constructing the reservoir which will later supply the city with water. The site selected for the storage system is on a high knoll overlooking the city on the east side. All of the water mains have already been laid in the streets, and the majority of the piping, which connects the houses to the mains, also has been completed.

Work on the new Wuchow Post Office building continues to make progress, although the recent period of inclement weather was not conducive to building operations.

Mr. David M. Maynard, Assistant American Trade Commissioner in Hongkong, was a recent visitor to the foreign community of Wuchow. Mr. Maynard made the trip up the West River in the interests of the department which he represents.

The student enrolment of the Kwangsi University has been greatly increased, and at present there are over 600 students attending classes. All except a score of these students are from Kwangsi Province. The grounds of the University have been wonderfully improved under the able direction of Mr. Hsiung, professor of agriculture of the University, who has introduced an extensive plan of landscape gardening, which adds beauty to the natural setting of the University. Thousands of trees and shrubs, as well as smaller varieties of plants and flowers have been planted during this year.

Last week one of the local moving picture theatres showed pictures of the recent Shanghai "war." Capacity audiences crowded in to witness the latest news from the Sino-Japanese front.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

**ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE****LORD SNOWDEN NOT PLEASED**

London, Apr. 20.

Lord Snowden, replying to a debate raised by Lord Lloyd in the House of Lords on the Government's trade policy with the Russian Government, said he was not satisfied with the disparity between imports and exports of Russian trade. He had made representations to the Soviet Government and had insisted that as far as it could, steps should be taken to lessen it.

An advisory committee should be given powers to deal with further guarantees for credits for trade with Russia for more than 12 months, without attaching more stringent conditions than in the past.

Negotiations regarding the extent of the credits to be given were in progress, and the policy of guarantee would only be continued if it assisted British industries.—*British Wireless*.

for the professional man. She had opened up new channels of interest and research, exactly doubling his sources of information and enabling him to do more adequate work for his clients by revealing to him another and very different point of view.

**Superstition and Quackery.**

Mr. D. J. S. Crozier supported the opposition, and after dealing with the various arguments of the ladies, concluded by saying that the entry of woman into the professions was not for their improvement, rather it was going to reintroduce the quackery, the superstition, the jealousy and the illogical, which mere man had done so much to eradicate. He concluded with the following paradox:—"At this debate to-night, with so many ladies present, the greatest argument in favour of the motion would be its defeat!"

After a number of comments had been made from the audience, Mr. Jeffries and Miss Curtin replied, both making extraordinarily fine speeches, and the vote was then taken.

The chair was taken by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who announced that the function was the last debate of the season to be organised by the Literary and Debating Society.

**RADIO BROADCAST****TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.**

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6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

6.00-6.22 p.m. Orchestral and Band Music.

Sambro et Meuse (Planquette). La Fero de La Victoire (Ganne). La Garde Republicaine Band. B2008. Mikalapi Suite (A Tone Journey) (Grofe). Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra. B5859.

The Gipsy Princess-Potpouri (Kulman). Ferdy Kaufmann and His Orchestra. B2608.

6.22-6.35 p.m. Organ Solos. Love's Garden of Roses (Haydn Wood). Chanson (Friml). Reginald Foort. B2988.

Dreams of Yesterday ("Virginia"). Waller and Tunbridge. Was it a Dream? (Coalow, Spier and Britt). F. Howard-Tins, F.R.C.O. B2905.

6.35-6.55 p.m. Humorous Numbers. Philly Lucie. Wish Wynne. B3039.

Over the Garden Wall. John Henry assisted by Glynis Horridge. B3085.

Geranium. Nellie Wallace. 'T's a Wonder. Will Kings. B3161.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

6.55-7.25 p.m. Tangos. Eine Nacht in Monte Carlo. Helene Ed. Mir. Das Model Hat Sex Appeal. Marek Weber and His Orchestra. V-6100-V-6157.

7.25-7.45 p.m. Operatic. Traviata-Selection (Verdi). Creator's Band. B5807.

Jewels of the Madonna-Intermezzo (Wolf-Ferrari). Victor Sym. Orchestra. B5976.

7.45-8.00 p.m. Hawaiian Music. Guitar Duet-Hawaiian Waltz Medley. Guitar Duet-Killma Waltz. Frank Ferrera and John K. Paalghi. B2369.

Orchestral-White Birds. Hawaiian Orchestra. V-31.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

**NUDIST CULT IN HONGKONG.****WHAT SIR ROBT. HO TUNG THINKS**

"It is too much ahead of the times," was the personal opinion of Sir Robert Ho Tung, when asked about the nudist movement in Hongkong on his arrival in Singapore en route to Europe. "It is moving pretty fast there, and there has been much correspondence about it, but I have not been able to follow the question up as I have been very busy. But I think public opinion is very strong against the mixing of the sexes."

"At present," he continued, "it has been chiefly supported by a section of the European population, with a Mr. H. E. Lanepart as their head. But I do not think the Chinese will adopt it for a long time to come yet. You know what the Chinese are with regard to the sex question. I do not think that movement will be successful among the Chinese unless each sex is separate. From the Chinese point of view they think they can find other means of benefiting their health besides going nude."

Asked whether he knew anything about the Island Mr. Lanepart was endeavouring to obtain for the nudist cult, where the followers could pursue their activities, Sir Robert answered, with a smile, "That is a very good idea of his but it remains to be seen whether he will get such an island."

Sir Robert then touched on the modern Chinese girl. With a smile he said it was not an easy subject to talk about. He thought they were progressive and very up-to-date. "On the whole their modernisation is a step in the right direction," he went on. "They are much more enlightened, much more educated, take to modern ideas very well and, on the whole, behave well. Sometimes, of course, they have too much freedom, but that is to be expected."

"We should like to see the Chinese modernised, but with this reservation—that they keep their own traditions. The Chinese have some very fine traditions."

Mr. M. J. Brown returned from leave yesterday by the s.s. Chitral and relieves Mr. E. W. Hamilton as Postmaster-General to-day. It is stated that Mr. Hamilton will succeed Mr. J. D. Lloyd as superintendent of Imports and Exports.

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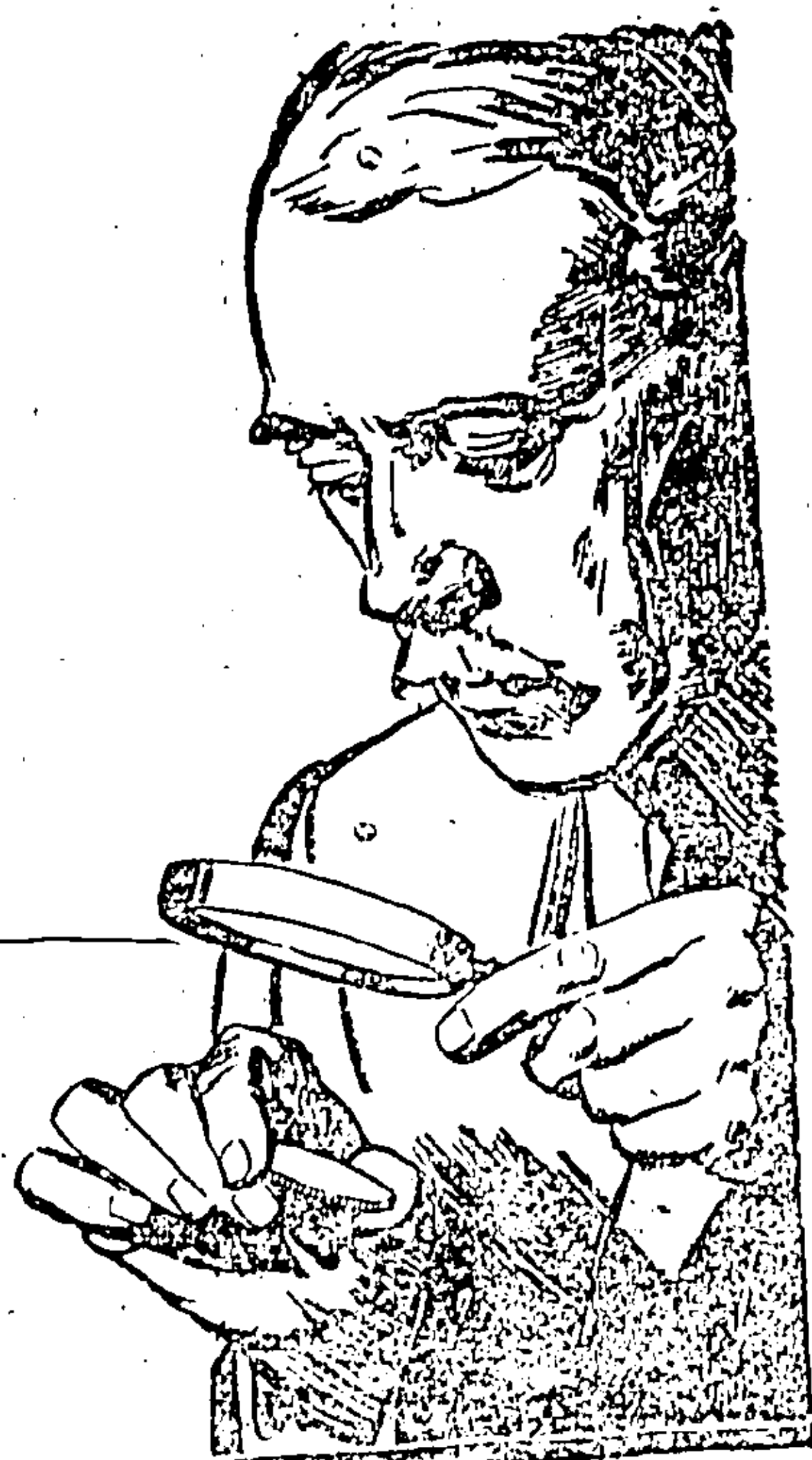
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# TO-DAY



AT THE

# KING'S

## S.W.B. CHAMPIONS

### FINAL MATCH OF THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL

The South Wales Borderers are champions of the third division of the Hongkong Football League, for although they drew with the Royal Air Force in the last match of the season, yesterday, it did not alter their position on the top of the list. The game was scheduled to start at 4.30 p.m., but at 5.15 the official appointed to referee had not arrived, so the captains agreed that Mr. J. Gomes should officiate.

The game ended in a one-all draw and the result places the Borderers and R.A.F. in the respective positions of winners and runners-up. It was a curious coincidence that the last game of the season should be drawn, as it was the first drawn game in the division.

#### Final League Table.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.W.B.	10	8	1	1	44	9	17
R.A.F.	10	7	2	1	36	9	15
Recreation	10	7	3	0	39	18	14
R. E.	10	4	0	0	23	2	8
St. Joseph's	10	3	7	0	20	42	6
Radio S.C.	10	0	10	0	11	76	0

#### P.W.D. v Sanitary Dept.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy and Mr. G. R. Sayer were interested spectators at the match played yesterday on the Hongkong F.C. ground between the Hongkong F.C. and the Sanitary Department and the Sanitary Department, the result being a win for the P.W.D. by the odd goal in three. There was a large attendance, each department being well represented and each movement was closely watched by their respective supporters.

The Sanitary Department pressed from the kick-off, and early in the game took the lead through Tavelin. The P.W.D. fought back gamely and scored through Moore. The teams were level at the interval. The P.W.D. had the better half, the extra changes in the second half, Moore again netting to win the match.

The game resulted:—P.W.D. 2; Sanitary Dept. 1.  
At the close of the game the teams were drawn up before the stand. The Hon. Mr. Cressy presented a Cup to the winners and a "Shield" to the losers.

## HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.

### HELD TO A DRAW BY THE Y.M.C.A.

The Radio Sports Club, champions in the Marnak Shield Tournament, engaged the Y.M.C.A. in a friendly match at King's Park on Tuesday evening, and contrary to all expectations were held to a draw.

The Y.M.C.A. men played well to hold the fast Radio forwards, but their attacking line was not too strong. G. Singh scored for the Radio in the first half of the game, and G. C. Burnett equalized during the second half.

#### Police Team Beaten.

A team from the Police were beaten by H.M.S. Cumberland at King's Park by four goals to nil, the losers playing one man short throughout. Harrington scored twice and Tollop and Andrews once each.

## MACAO RACE MEETING.

### FIXED FOR MAY 8 AT THE MACAO COURSE

Following a meeting of the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club on Tuesday, it was decided that the Second Extra Race Meeting of the Macao Club, which was twice postponed, first on account of the meningitis epidemic in the Portuguese Colony, and for the second time last Sunday because of inclement weather resulting in the Fanning course being flooded, will be held on Sunday May 8 in Macao.

All handicaps for the seven events of the meeting, which have already been published, will hold good, and ponies winning races subsequent to April 17 will be eligible to race at the meeting.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN.

### CLOGHEEN WINS HANDICAP AT EPSOM.

The City and Suburban Handicap, run at Epsom over a mile and two furlongs to-day resulted:

Clogheen	1
Venturer	2
Wild Son	3

Betting:—20-1 Clogheen, 11-2 Venturer, 25-1 Wild Son. Won by four lengths with head between second and third.—*Reuter.*

## SHAUKAT ALI

### TO MARRY BEAUTIFUL YORKSHIRE GIRL.

Bombay, Apr. 20. A beautiful English girl, Miss Formby, a native of Yorkshire and former wife of an Arab prince will marry Shaukat Ali, the Moslem leader here on April 21. Miss Formby is a recent convert to Islam.

Shaukat Ali is to lecture in America later in the year. His terms are reported to be the most lucrative ever offered an Oriental.—*Reuter.*

## DIVORCE ACTIONS IN LONDON.

### DECREES FOR SHANGHAI WOMEN

A decree nisi for divorce was granted to Mrs. Kistna Dunscombe, now living at Windsor, but formerly of Shanghai, by Mr. Justice Bateson in the London Divorce Court on Monday March 21, on the ground of the alleged adultery of her husband, Dr. William K. Dunscombe, pathologist to the Municipal Council of Shanghai, with a woman at the Savoy Hotel, Broadway, Shanghai, on dates in December 1930, and January 1931. There was no defence to the case.

The marriage of Dr. Dunscombe and Mrs. Dunscombe took place in January 1929, while Dr. Dunscombe was in the Government Hospital, Hongkong, with a diseased hip. The couple afterwards lived at Repulse Bay, and Queen's Gardens, Hongkong, until the doctor obtained the post of pathologist to the Shanghai Municipal Council. Just before he left for Shanghai the wife alleged that she noticed a change in his manner towards her. He seemed preoccupied and interested in nothing but his work. Mrs. Dunscombe, after a visit to England, went to Shanghai in October, 1930. She became suspicious of her husband and gave instructions to enquire agents and as a result of the enquiries made she told her husband that she would not live with him any longer.

She went to Japan but later returned to Shanghai. She did not go to live with her husband who had gone to reside at his club. She alleged that Dr. Dunscombe had committed adultery with a woman whom he had met at a cabaret and afterwards taken to the hotel.

Evidence of Thomas Mitchell of Clarke's Detective Agency, Shanghai, and of William George Clarke who was said to be an Assistant Commissioner of Police at Shanghai, was read on affidavit to the judge.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Justice Bateson, as stated, granted a decree nisi.

#### A Second Case.

Mr. Justice Bateson, in the same court on Monday, March 21, heard the undefended petition for divorce of Mrs. Mary Agnes King, now giving her address as Ammering, Sussex, England, but formerly of Shanghai, who alleged that her husband, Arthur Cecil King, a manufacturer's agent, had committed adultery in Shanghai in September, 1929.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. King took place at the Consulate General in Shanghai in October, 1925, and they afterwards went through a religious ceremony at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Shanghai. After a honeymoon in England, the couple returned to Shanghai. At first, the marriage was happy, but then the wife alleged that the husband started to stay out late at night and neglected her. By the year 1928, Mr. and Mrs. King were occupying separate bedrooms and a deed of separation was entered into in May, 1929. Later the wife heard rumours about Mr. King and subsequently obtained information upon which she now petitioned for a divorce.

The evidence given on affidavit of Harold Sydney Peake, of Hart Road, Shanghai, accountant to the Shanghai Telephone Company, and of Vladimir Duntroy Stoopin, a private enquiry agent, of Junker Road, Shanghai, was read to the court.

Mr. Justice Bateson, after hearing the evidence, granted Mrs. King a decree nisi for divorce.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Monday.	Yesterday.
Paris	95.15/16	95 1/4
Geneva	19 1/4	19 1/4
Berlin	15.31/82	15.85
Oslo	20.3/16	20 1/4
Helsingfors	21 1/2	21 1/2
Athens	300	300
Buenos Aires	30 1/2	30 1/2
Shanghai	1/15/16	1/7.29/32
New York	3.78 1/4	3.76 1/4
Amsterdam	9.35 1/4	9.30
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	48 1/2	48.3/16
Bucharest	680	1/2 1/4
Hongkong	12.1/16	26.50
Brussels	73 1/2	73 1/2
Milan	73 1/2	73 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	127 1/2	128 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/2	110 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	1/6.1/82	1/6.1/16
Yokohama	1/9.1/16	1/9 1/4
Montevideo	4.21	4.19
Montreal	16.11/16	16 1/4
Silver (spot)	16 1/4	16 1/4
" (forward) 16 1/4	16.18/16	16 1/4

## N.Z. RIOT ACT.

### PUBLIC SAFETY SAFEGUARD ADOPTED

Wellington, Apr. 20. The Public Safety Conservation Bill, granting emergency powers to deal with such lawlessness as occurred at Auckland recently, has been passed by both Houses of Parliament.—*Reuter.*

## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

### NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Naturally, you like an old-fashioned rip-roaring melodrama, filled with fast and exciting action. Everybody does. Do not fail to see "Grat". You are going to be thoroughly interested in a young man, who in the line of duty, and then works like Sam Hill to clear her so he can marry her. Particularly when this young man is Regis Tommey.

The story is told against the background of a newspaper editorial room on the eve of an important election, and lays bare the tricks and devices of crooked politicians.

The fine cast includes beside Regis Tommey, beautiful Sue Carol, Dorothy Revier, Boris Karloff, Richard Tucker, Carmelita Geraghty, and many others.

You will enjoy every minute of "Grat", which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Susan Lenox.

"There's only one in a hundred who dares to wear a fashion that is new and original," quotes Adrian, designer of the costumes Greta Garbo wears in her latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor picture, "Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise," which will be shown at the Queen Theatre on Sunday.

"Too conservative, too modest is the type the majority of women come under," continues Adrian, who is enthusiastic over the twenty-two creative costumes he has completed for Miss Garbo.

One remembers that when the whole world was going about with a cropped hair bob, Miss Garbo appeared with shoulder-length hair style, and those who saw her picture, "Q. Woman of Affairs," will also recall that Miss Garbo appeared in Hollywood's first pair of leaping pyjamas in this production.

And now, when Miss Garbo's new picture is shown, the green tinted, feminine audience will be treated to a lavish display of dresses and suits and wraps—also pyjamas and negligees—each of original and different stylings.

One will recognize the decidedly different silhouette of her new fully dressed. Whenever they are not fully dressed, from knees to floor, Miss Garbo's evening gowns graduate from the slender hip line to the ankles in Grecian effect with hidden pleats arranged to give comfort in walking.

Also her pyjamas vary from the present styles in that they show a row down the cuffs in place of the extremely wide patterns now shown.

"A Holy Terror."

Notwithstanding that she is a direct descendant of Mary, Queen of Scots, and that her father was a member of the Royal family of England, Rita La Roy, beautiful screen actress, is one of the most democratic young women in the film colony. She appears in "A Holy Terror," Fox picture now showing at the King's Theatre.

After financial reverses overtook her father, Miss La Roy found it necessary to find employment. She designed clothes, did interior decorating, and even waited on table when times were hard. "And I could do it again if it became necessary," she declared recently.

Miss La Roy served her apprenticeship in a stock company at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; and then, in 1926, she had a try at vaudeville on the Orpheum circuit and played roles in several travelling companies before she turned to pictures in 1929, first appearing in "Dynamite." Since then she has played prominent character roles in "Play the Game," "Holiday," "Travelling Husbands," and "Midnight Mystery."

George O'Brien, athletic and handsome leading man portrays the featured role and divides, the love interest with Sally Eilers in "A Holy Terror." Other notables in the cast are Humphrey Bogart, James Kirkwood, Stanley Fields, and Richard Tucker and Earl Pingree.

The picture was directed by Irving Cummings.

#### Brilliant Drama.

Remarkably played by one of the finest casts ever seen on the talking screen and produced in notable fashion, John Galsworthy's immortal drama "Escape" will be given its first showing at the theatre to-day.

It is undeniably one of the most brilliant and thrilling film productions of the year.

"Escape" has proved a most powerful play in its numerous presentations on the legitimate stage, but the screen, providing a wider scope and allowing a greater range of pictorial treatment, is by far the better medium for the Galsworthy masterpiece.

Few liberties were taken in the adaptation of the play. The action has been unchanged and additional dialogue kept admirably in the spirit of the original. "Escape" is one play which has proved ideal for direct screen treatment.

Capt. Matt Donat, world war hero and London clubman, is the central figure of the story. Defendant was a man who had a bold official of law. Matt strikes the policeman. He hits a railing in falling and is killed. He is convicted of manslaughter and is sent to Dartmoor prison. With his health rapidly breaking down, Matt is successful in his long-planned escape. His flight through the English countryside and the chase by police introduces a score of thrilling and dramatic events, winding up one of the most powerful climaxes ever shown on the screen.

Sir Gerald du Maurier, well known as one of the greatest of legitimate stage stars, plays the lead and makes it an outstanding characterization. Brilliant portrayals are contributed by the entire cast, with Edna Best

## VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE.

### DETAILS OF PROJECT NOW AVAILABLE.

On January 1, 1933, a vehicular ferry service will commence running between the new Hongkong pier and Kowloon. Three boats are being built, for the service, at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000. They will be operated by the successful tenderers for the service, the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, Ltd.

The new ferries will have a length of 130 feet and a beam of 41 feet 6 inches. They will be capable of a speed of 10 knots an hour, and will cross the harbour in approximately nine minutes.

The three ferries are to run from Hongkong to piers at Jordan Road, Mongkoktau and Shamshui-po.

Each ferry will have three decks. The bottom deck will be capable of taking 12 large motor lorries, and will have accommodation for third class passengers. On the middle deck the second class passengers will be accommodated, and first class passengers will have space on the top deck.

Each ferry will be fitted with Gardiner Diesel engines of the J-type. Each will have two sets of engines and each set will be capable of developing 400 horse power. Auxiliary engines will also be fitted.

There will be five berths at the main Hongkong wharf, which will be 460 feet long and 300 feet wide. The piers are being built by the Government and will be ready for service by the end of this year.

The gangways will be operated by electric machinery of the type already installed on the new Government ferry wharves at Mongkok and Shamshui-po.

Second and third class passengers will be checked through turnstiles, but this method of entrance will not be used by the first class passengers.

Ample accommodation for passengers is to be provided at the waiting places.

It is proposed to run a 15-minute service from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight. Between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. boats will run at 10 minute intervals.

From midnight to 5 a.m. it is intended that boats shall run every 15 minutes, and if the demand warrants it, the 15 minute service will be maintained until 5 a.m.

It is expected that the rates to be charged will be considerably lower than those set out in the Government Gazette.

On the Kowloon side there will be a parking space for 200 cars. Seventy of these may be placed under cover. A bus service will radiate from the piers at Kowloon for the benefit of passengers.

## I.L.D. CERTIFICATES.

Of the Societe Internationale de Placements Basile. (Local agents, Messrs. A. Goeko & Co.). Yesterday's official quotations in Basile—£2 12s. 3d.

and Mabel Poulton standing out particularly.

Basil Dean, producer and director of the film for Associated Radio Pictures, deserves the greatest of praise for his treatment of "Escape." It stands high among the great productions of motion picture history.

"Stepping Sisters."

Described as the picture with a thousand laughs, "Stepping Sisters," the Fox comedy based on Howard Warren Comstock's stage farce of the same name, comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday. The principal roles are enacted by Louise Dresser, Minna Gombell and Jobyna Howland, a trio of comedienne whose talents are said to make a peerless combination.

Miss Dresser will be recalled for her talking roles in "Lighthouse," "Caught," and other recent productions. Miss Gombell scored successes in "Bad Girl" and "Sob Sister" before she was assigned to her role in "Stepping Sisters," and Miss Howland is famed for her role of "Mabel" in "The Gold Diggers" on the stage and for her performances in such pictures as "Hook, Line and Sinker," "The Cuckoos" and "The Virtuous Sin."

William Collier, Sr., who portrays an important role, is one of the outstanding comedians of the stage and has been successful in many screen productions including "The Brat," "Annabelle's Affairs" and "Up the River." Others of prominence in the cast are Howard Phillips, whose performance in "The Spies" won him wide acclaim; Ferdinand Munier, who scored in "Ambassador Bill," Stanley Smith of musical comedy fame; Barbara Weeks, Mary Forbes and Robert Greig, a 338-pound comedian of unusual talents.

The plot concerns the accidental meeting of three former members of the chorus of a burlesque show. This takes place at the lavish Long Island home of one of the trio who has become a prominent member of society.

"Stepping Sisters" is declared to be refreshingly new and extremely diverting. The dialogue too is said to be of high witty calibre. The play was adapted for the screen by William Conselman, and Seymour Felix, celebrated as a director of dance ensembles for the big revues and musical shows in New York, directed it.

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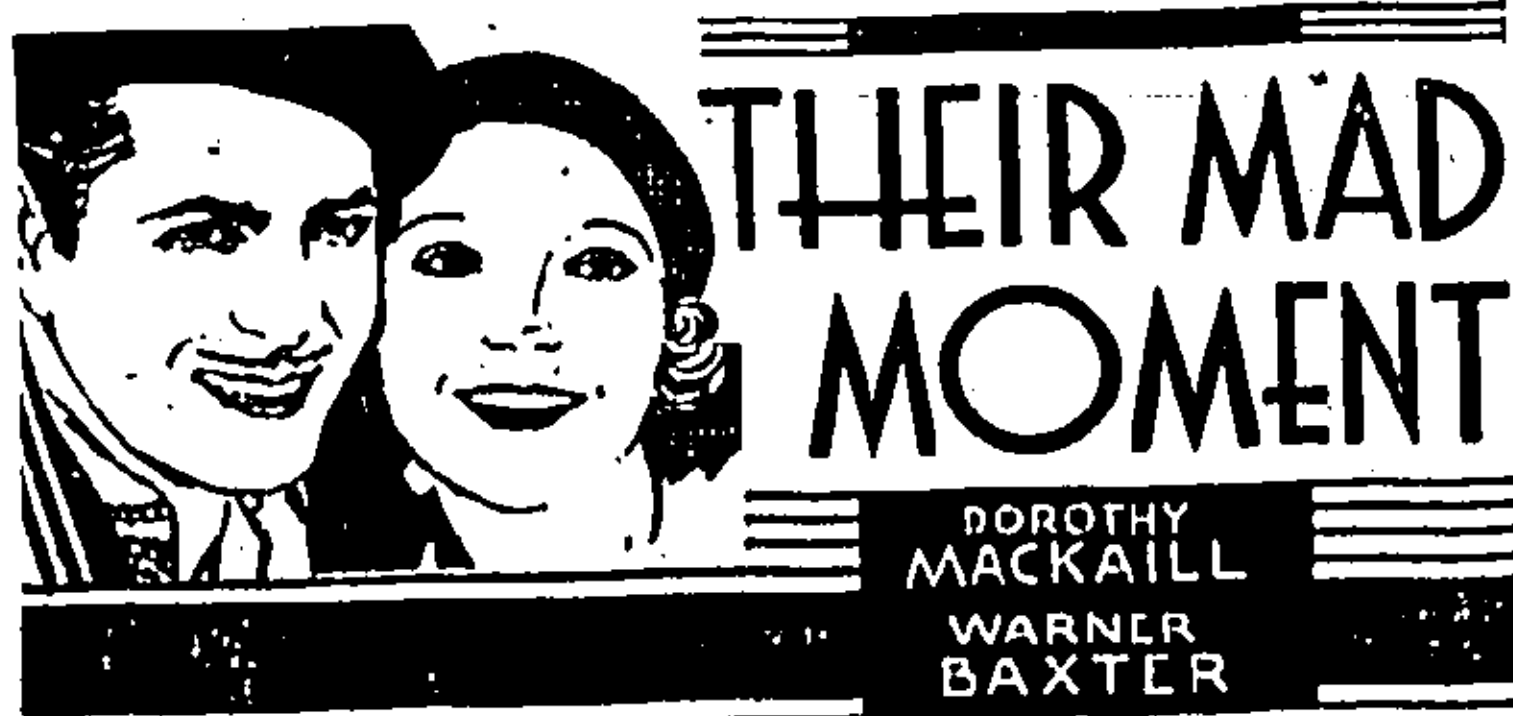
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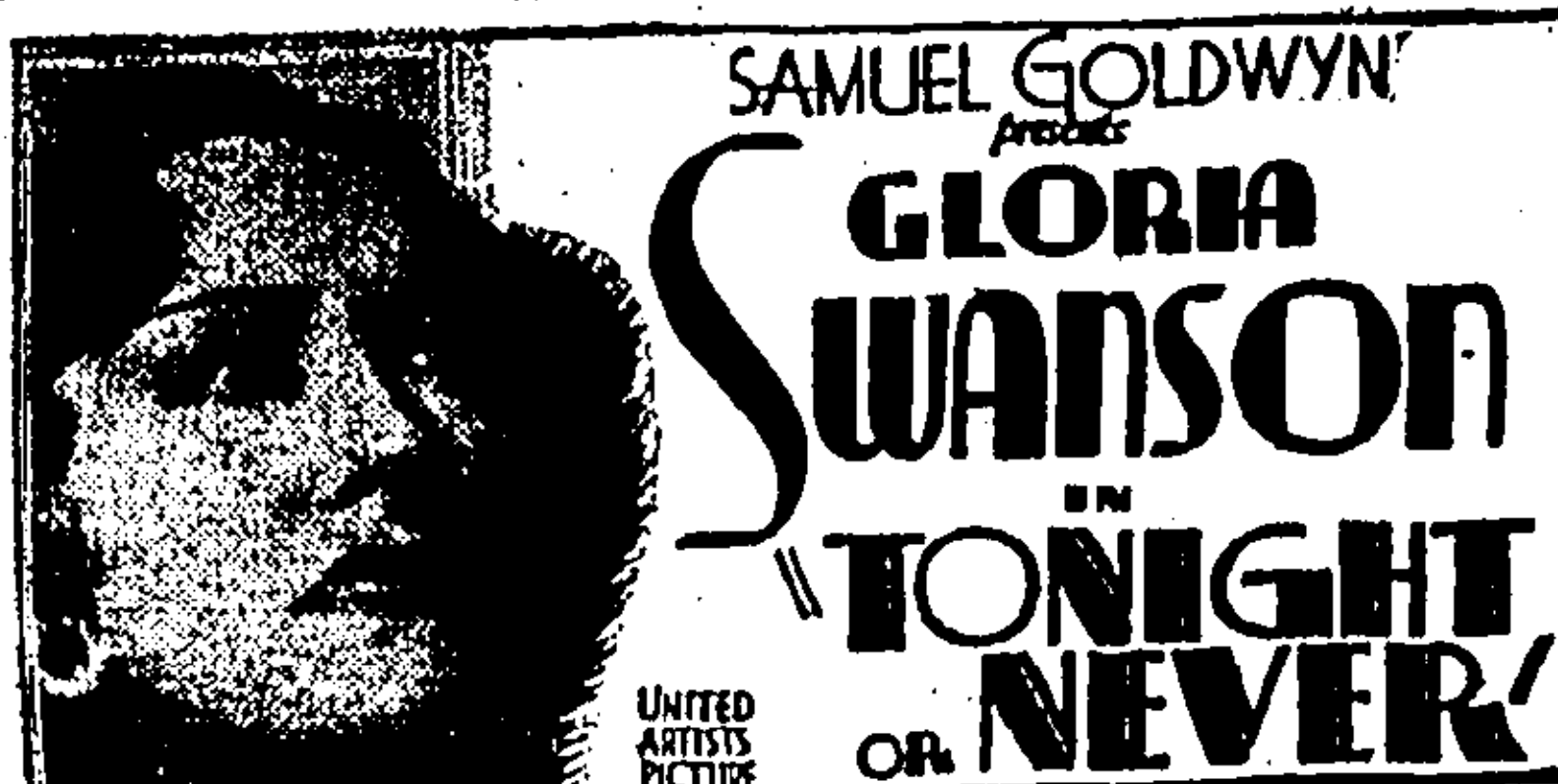
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### NO MORE RIOTS

**NEWFOUNDLAND SESSIONS  
RE-OPEN QUIETLY**

St. John's, Apr. 20.  
The Newfoundland legislature re-opened to-day after its adjournment since the riot on April 5, without any demonstration, despite the crowd of 2,000 outside Parliament House. Proceedings in the House of Assembly were quiet.

The Prime Minister, Sir Richard Squires announced that the general election would be held at the end of May or early in June, following the passing of the Redistribution Bill.—*Reuter*.

The riots on April 5 were the result of charges of manipulating funds against the Prime Minister by a former Minister for Finance. A howling mob surrounded the House of Assembly and Sir Richard Squires had to make a retreat through a side entrance. The crowd ultimately broke into the House and destroyed furniture and documents.

The Government party refused to order an investigation into the charges.

Sir Richard was later mauled by a mob in the street and went into hiding, refusing to resign.

### U.S.A. AND BRITISH BUDGET

**THE MORATORIUM TO END**

Washington, Apr. 20.  
The fact that Mr. Chamberlain did not make provision for instalments of the American debts has aroused no official comment, though Senator Reed, who is regarded as the Government spokesman made a statement in the Senate in which he said:

"I am convinced that provision will be made for the payments due to us in December."

It is considered unlikely that President Hoover will initiate a new war debt and reparations moratorium on June 30, when the present moratorium expires.—*Reuter's American Service*.

### COST OF BATTLE.

**JAPAN'S VOTE FOR MILITARY  
EXPENDITURE**

Tokyo, Apr. 20.  
The War Office is negotiating with the Finance Office for 205,000,000 yen to cover the estimated military expenditure in Shanghai and Manchuria for the period from June to next March, when the despatch of reinforcements, if required.

The Finance authorities are considering the issuance of bonds to meet the expenditure. A final decision will be reached in time for presentation at the extraordinary Diet session on May 23.—*Reuter*.

### CATHEDRAL BOMB

**INQUIRY INTO RECENT  
EXPLOSION**

The explosion of an object, said to have been a bomb, in the Cathedral grounds on March 30, by which a Cathedral cooler, named Tsai Yuen, was killed, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

The Coroner, in opening the inquiry, said that it was held in the hope that further facts might come to light. In this connexion he remarked that the jury possibly might have seen references to the affair in the Press, but asked them to attach no significance to anything they might have heard or seen outside the Court.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, of the Government Civil Hospital, stated that Tsai Yuen was admitted into Hospital at 9.30 a.m. in a semi-conscious condition, continuing in that state until his death on the following day.

Describing the multiple injuries of the patient, witness said that the man's face and forehead were severely burned, while other injuries were evident, notably in the chest and right arm, where small stones and other gritty matter were found embedded, having been driven in by an explosive force and travelling as far as three or four inches up the length of the muscles.

### Stooping Position.

Replying to questions suggested by Inspector Dooling, witness said he had had much experience of fishermen who came to him with their hands sometimes completely blown off through mishandling the dynamite they used at their work. Had the explosive object been held by the victim in this case also, he would have expected his right hand to have been completely blown off, instead of being merely lacerated. The fact that his face and forehead were severely burned, that the other injuries discovered were also to the chest and the anterior part of his right forearm, he gathered the inference that the man must have been in a stooping position when the explosion occurred.

### Analyst's Evidence.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, who examined the fragments of tin, iron and other oddments which were found on the scene of the disaster, said that from what was given to him he formed the opinion that the bomb was made of an empty rolled out tin, filled with a mixture of explosives. The iron fragments and stone were probably embedded in the mixture to act as missiles.

The pieces of iron appeared to be fragments of a smashed iron grating, and were sufficiently uniform in size to make it appear as if they had been done for the specific purpose of being embedded in the mixture.

His Worship, after examining the fragments of a rolled out tin,

### GERMAN "REDS."

**PRUSSIAN POLICE ON THE  
QUI VIVE**

Berlin, Apr. 20.  
The Prussian police are searching for the "sports organizations" which are suspected of preparing for a revival of the "Red Front" units banned by the police two years ago.

Other German States have been requested to take similar action.—*Reuter's Special Service*.

remarked that it was of an unusual brand and suggested that the Police make attempts to trace its local agents.

Mr. Dovey intimated that he had tried three or four places but had failed to match the tin.

Detective Inspector Dooling pointed out that empty tins could be purchased at Upper and Lower Lascar Row as well as other places.

Continuing his evidence Mr. Dovey said that there were no traces of an ignition apparatus, and remarked that there were several ways by which a bomb could be ignited. It might explode by concussion, ignition by a length of fuse and detonator, by a lever and firing pin similar to the Mills bomb, or in other ways.

In the present case there were no fragments of fuse or detonator, no fire pin, lever, glass fragment or portions of clock work or any other mechanical device. Witness suggested that it might have exploded by the cover being forcibly levered out. That opinion was not merely surmise as they had had explosions by that means in Hongkong in the past.

### No Eye-Witnesses.

Before calling the next witness the Police officer remarked that all the witnesses would say that they arrived on the scene after the explosion. There was no evidence of people who might have been passing at the time.

The No. 1 cooler of the Cathedral said that on the morning in question the staff had gone about their daily duties as usual. He had himself gone to the belfry and was ringing the bells when he heard the explosion. He rushed down without completing his duties in the belfry and went to his quarters where he told his wife that there had been an explosion. Shortly afterwards the elder brother of witness appeared and said a man had been killed.

Witness remarked that a few days before the explosion a quantity of rubbish had been burned in the compound near Garden Road. He had noticed nothing near where the bomb had exploded.

The Coroner: Any one ever threatened you or any of the Cathedral staff?—No.

The Coroner observed that the bomb was certainly in the wrong place if anyone had wanted to injure any of the Cathedral Staff.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

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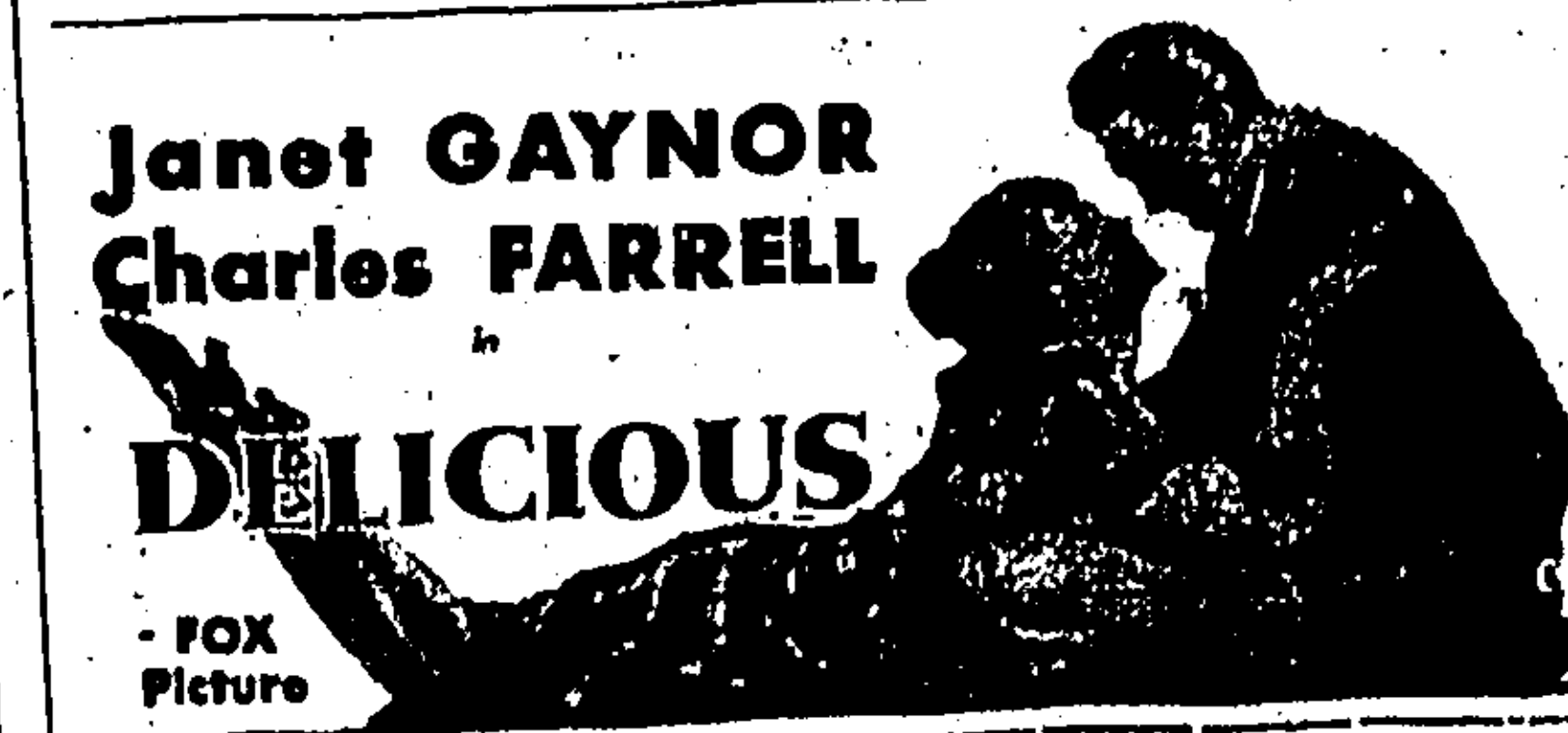
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## CONTRACT BRIDGE.

By W. E. McKenney.

Secretary, American Bridge  
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In the straight forcing system, slams are arrived at when intelligent bidding between partners reveals that the combined two hands hold seven or eight quick tricks. Seven to seven and one-half quick tricks in the two hands will generally produce a small slam, while eight to eight and one-half quick tricks will generally produce a grand slam.

The beginner at contract should remember, however, that there are many pitfalls on the road to a successful slam—such as distribution, duplication of values and so forth. An almost certain small slam should not be jeopardized for a doubtful grand slam, and it is better to miss the few slams that come up in an evening than to sacrifice the many game bonuses. Again let us warn you that there are thousands of points more lost in each year in unsuccessful slams than are won with slams that are bid and successfully made.

### Sacrifice Bidding.

Sacrifice bidding plays an important part in the game of contract. You should familiarize yourself with contract scoring so that you can readily sum up the possible number of points a pair will make if their contract is successful, and by contract bidding, you may be able to take a worthwhile sacrifice.

Very often you are called upon to choose whether to double the bid of an opponent or to bid for game yourself. Under the present contract scoring, the various scores are roughly valued as follows:

A partial score of 40 points or more, due to the advantageous position it gives you, is worth about 200 points.

The first game (or first leg) is worth about 400 points.

The rubber game (or second leg) is worth about 600 points.

A successful small slam, if not vulnerable, is worth about 1,000 points.

A successful small slam, if vulnerable, is worth about 1,400 points.

Contract rubbers average to run between 900 and 1,000 points.

It does not generally pay to take over a 600-point penalty at any time.

The proportion of contract scoring to auction is about two and one-half to one, although contract rubbers generally average to last a longer period of time, which might reduce this figure to two to one. When a side is vulnerable and they make a game-going declaration which you double, the swing can easily average to be worth two average rubber games; therefore, don't double doubtful contracts, especially when it will give them game. Partners will soon learn that through sound bidding they can accurately determine the number of high card tricks in their hand, and there is not much guess work in penalty doubles.

Analyzing the straight forcing system, we find that:

1.—Four card suit bidding plays an important part.

2.—Original bids must show de-

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There have been 350 releases in four days from the Yeravda gaol alone.—*Reuter.*

3.—Quick trick showing plays the most important part.

4.—Forcing bids must be kept open until game is arrived at.

5.—Original two forcing bids should not be made unless prepared to go to game even though partner has a trickless hand.

6.—When partner makes an original bid and you have sufficient quick tricks to produce game, you should make a jump shift bid which is a forcing bid.

7.—No trump bids, until re-bid, are generally denial bids.

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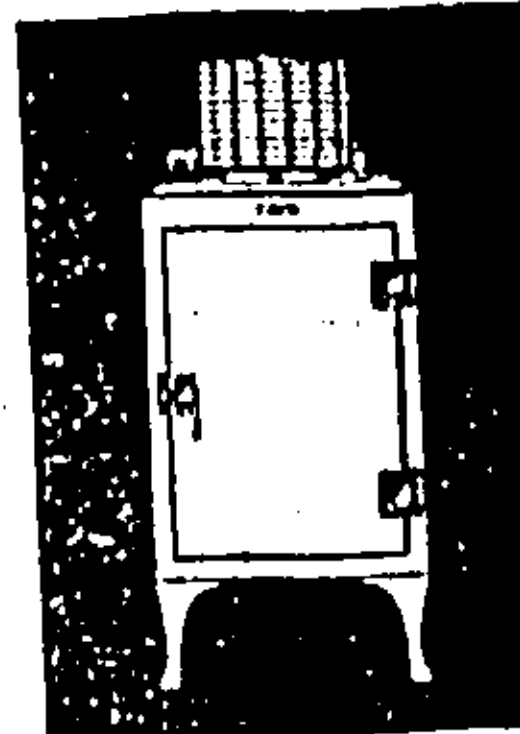
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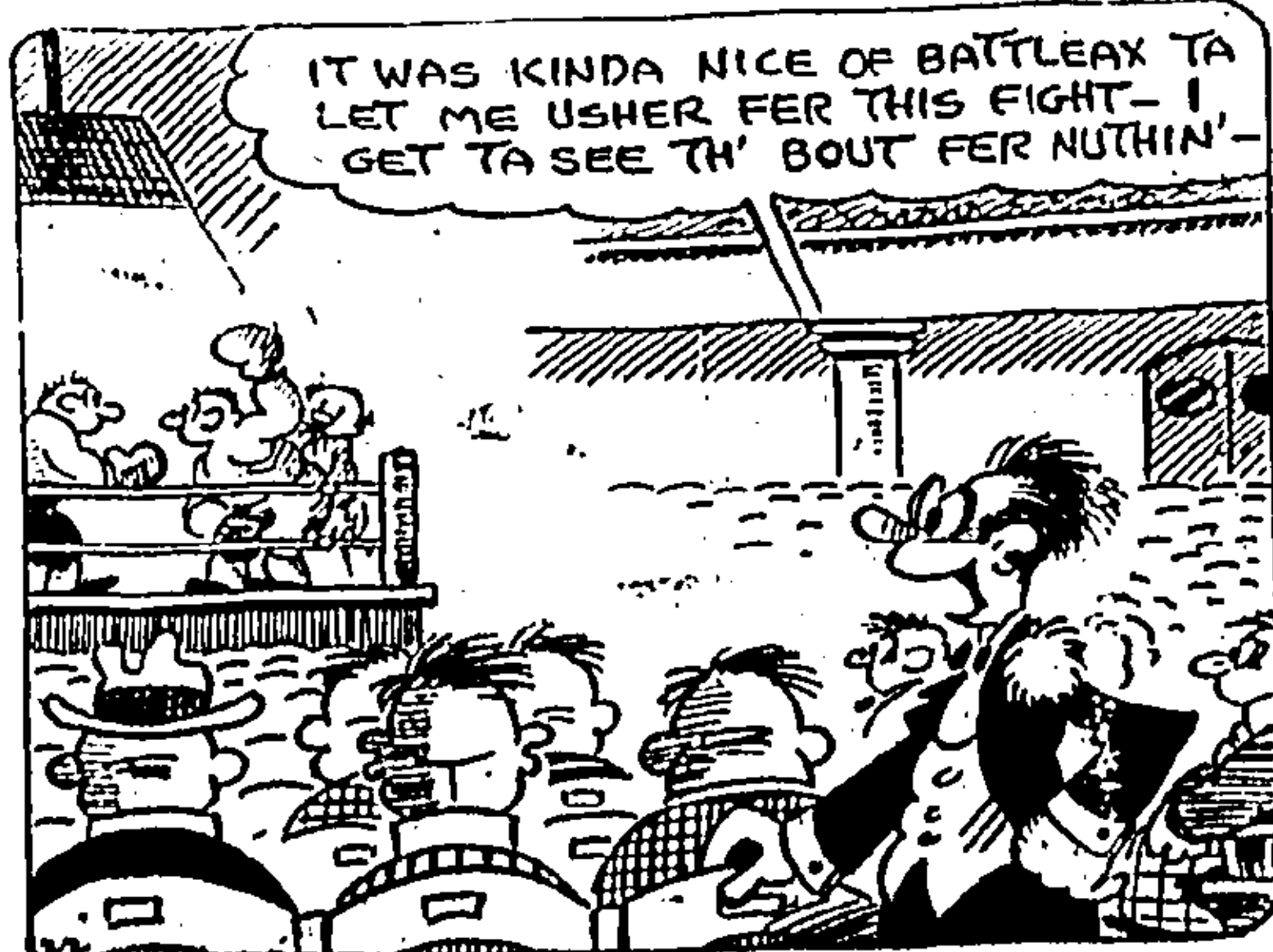
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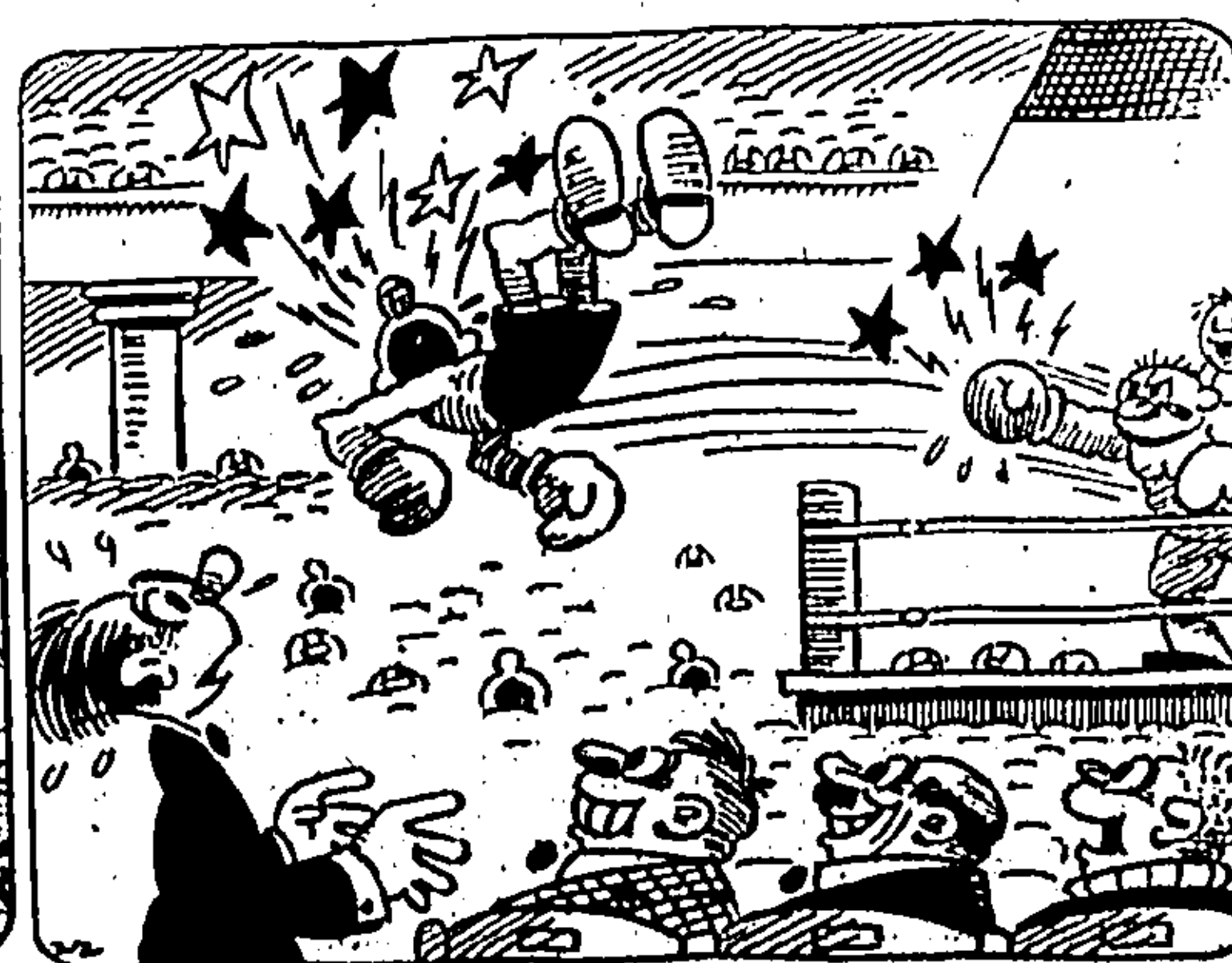
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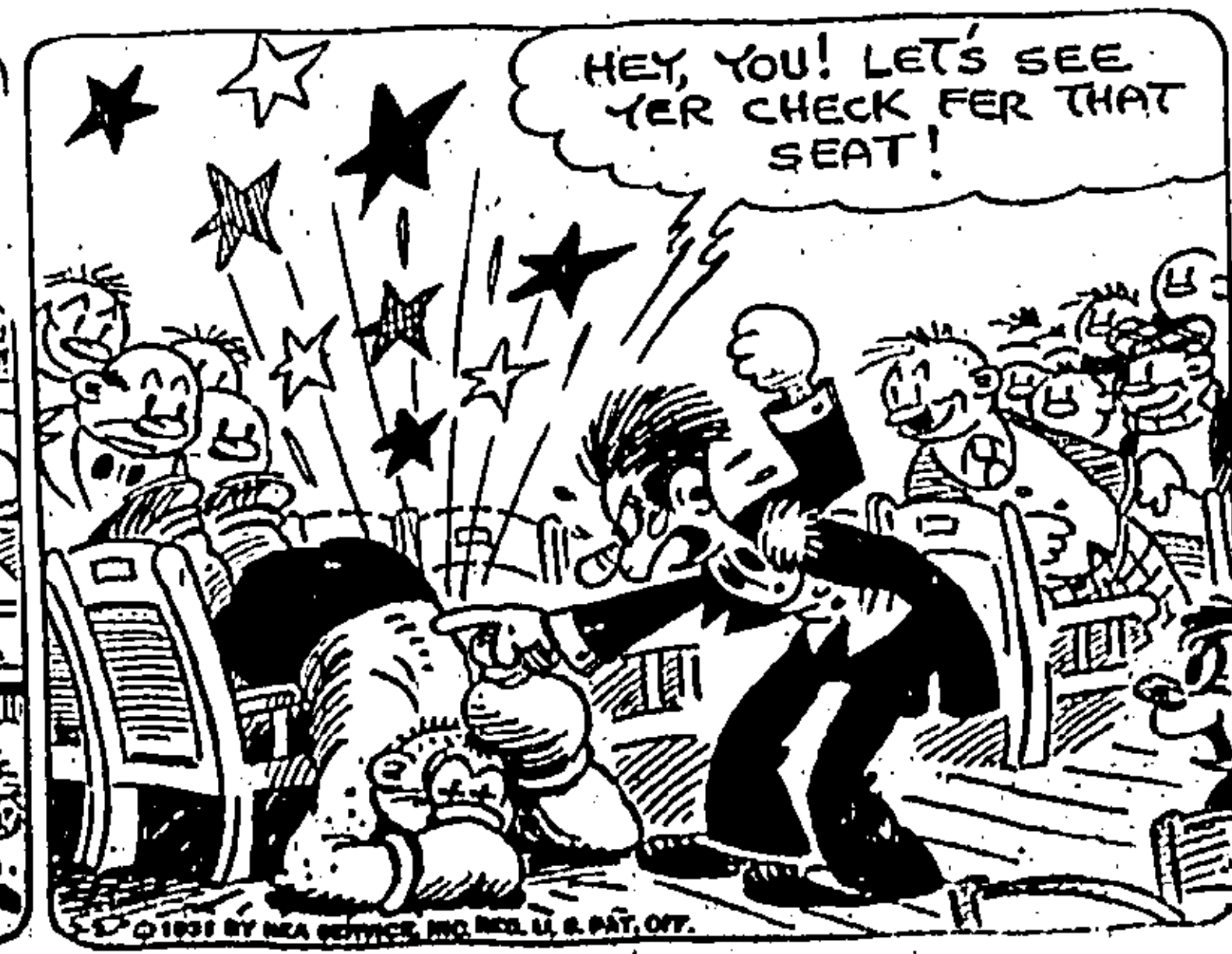
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This picture, rushed by plane from the storm area, shows the havoc wrought by a cyclone at Newport, Ala. It is typical of the appearance of a number of towns in the storm area, where nearly 200 persons were killed, hundreds injured and tremendous property damage was wrought.

## The dime-a-dance girl

BY JOAN CLAYTON

### BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Beautiful Ellen Rossiter, a schoolgirl in Barclay's district, lives with her mother, Molly Rossiter, her older sister, Myra, and her young brother, Mike. The two girls support the family. Molly foolishly spends money saved to pay the rent. Steven Barclay, 57 and Ellen's employer, lends her an evening dress so she can secure a job while dancing at Dreamland. At the dance hall she meets fascinating Larry Harrowgate, an artist. Later she breaks an engagement with Larry when she learns he is engaged to Elizabeth Brown, a debutante. However, when he comes to Dreamland demanding an explanation she makes another date with him for Sunday.

Her mother and sister favour Barclay's suit. Sunday morning Ellen and her mother quarrel when the girl declines an engagement with Barclay.

Molly bursts into tears and Ellen, repentant, promises she will do her best to fall in love with the older man.

### CHAPTER XII

"How do you know it's Mr. Barclay?" Myra demanded as Ellen leaped from the bed, reached for a flannel dressing gown and belted it over her pyjamas.

"He asked yesterday if he might call her some time."

"Did you give him Mrs. Barclay's number?"

"No, but I guess it's on file. He must have looked up my card at the store."

The bedroom door opened and Molly entered. She was visibly excited. Her black, curly hair stood out in little drake-tails. Her blue eyes blazed. For once she had not even taken time to powder her pretty face.

"Hurry, child," she said to Ellen. "You mustn't keep Mr. Barclay waiting. It's bad enough having no phone."

Again Ellen felt a rising irritation. "What makes you so sure it's Mr. Barclay?" she snapped.

"I've got a hunch," Molly admitted, dimpling and smiling mysteriously. "Don't be so slow, honey."

"I can't run through the halls with no stockings on, can I?"

Ellen took a quick brush at her hair, slipped into pumps and ran out of the apartment and down the four flights of stairs. The only telephone in the house was in Mrs. Barclay's apartment on the first floor. The six families who occupied the building were, in the generous phrase of Mrs. Barclay, "perfectly welcome to use the phone so long as they pay for outgoing calls."

And so long as they let Mrs. Barclay listen in on their business Ellen had thought privately.

Sure enough, the fat, good-natured Irish woman was waiting in the hall at the foot of the stairs.

"What about Mr. Barclay?"

For all the world like a master of ceremonies, she said, "Right this way." Then after she had shown Ellen where the telephone was (as if Ellen had not known before) she placidly settled herself in the vicinity of the conversation. Unfortunately for the listener the conversation was extremely short. Ellen replaced the receiver, presented her thanks and prepared to leave. Mrs. Barclay saw a golden opportunity for a sale.

She said quickly and ingratiatingly, "Was that the rich fellow your mother was telling me all about?"

"I don't know who you mean," Ellen replied coldly.

"Sure you do," said Mrs. Barclay, chuckling. "I mean Mr. Steven Barclay, your boss. Your maw said he was fairly daft over you."

Ellen had to smile.

"Yes, it was Mr. Barclay," she admitted to the other's evident pleasure. She even added, "Mr. Barclay wanted me to go dancing with him this afternoon."

"I heard you saying that you wouldn't go," Mrs. Barclay confessed. "That's too bad. It's such a nice party for an automobile ride."

"Yes, it is, isn't it," Ellen agreed and made her escape.

Ellen returned to the bedroom. Myra was dressing but Molly had collapsed on the bed and was nibbling at a bit of toast. Both fell abruptly silent at Ellen's entrance and she realized that they had been discussing her. Let them, thought Ellen grimly.

"Won't you tell us about your call?" asked Molly, after a delicate interval of silence. "Or is it a secret?"

"There's nothing much to tell," said Ellen airily. "It was Steven Barclay. He wanted me for a drive this afternoon."

"Ah!" said Molly. "There was another interval of silence. Myra looked sharply at her sister but Ellen's gaze was bland and innocent. Presently she said to her mother, 'I'd like to invite a friend to supper.'"

"Who is it?" asked Molly. She thought she knew the answer. A look of complete astonishment crossed her face when Ellen corrected the impression.

"But Ellen!" she cried in dismay. "What about Mr. Barclay?"

"What about him?" repeated Ellen. "You said he'd asked you for a drive."

"So he did. I told him I couldn't go. I can't either. I have a date this afternoon with Larry. I thought it would be nice to bring him here afterwards for supper."

Molly shifted tactics. "I would like to have your friend for supper," she said, her eyes clear and limpid. "But it's out of the question, honey. There's not a clean tablecloth in the house for one thing; they're all at the laundry. Besides Mrs. Barclay is coming up. I've already asked her."

Ellen suspected that her mother was being perverse. She was sure of it when Molly with an aggrieved air remarked that she supposed a daughter of hers would have too much pride to want to see a man already engaged to another woman. She struck home there. But she was not content to let the matter rest.

"Personally I think it rather odd of the Harrowgate boy to ask you for an engagement under the circumstances," said Molly. "In my day it would have been considered dishonourable."

"You don't know whether it's dishonourable or not," Ellen said angrily, ignoring her own secret doubts. "Larry has no way of knowing that I might consider the fact that he is engaged important. I don't consider it important. I like him—that's enough! This isn't the Victorian age after all."

"There's no use discussing it," observed Molly lightly. "We wouldn't agree, I'm sure."

Molly Rossiter could, when she chose, adopt the most exasperating mood in the world. She chose just then to adopt that mood. When Ellen asked her to meet Larry, Molly remembered a previous engagement to go walking with Mrs. Barclay. Mrs. Barclay was a great aid to Molly in managing her daughters. Whenever they made a request she did not wish to grant Mrs. Barclay, in one way or another, became a ward in her charge. Ellen understood that as did Myra. But the family rules forbade any mention of the fiction.

"I'm sorry you can't meet him," Ellen said at last with cold finality.

"I'm sorry, too," conceded Molly. Turning to Myra she said plaintively, "Would you mind, honey, getting me some coffee? Lots of cream and I like it weak. Would you be a lamb and make a fresh pot?"

Of course Myra would. But as she walked to the kitchen she was

hoping Molly would be cautious. Never in her life had Molly been cautious.

"Did Mr. Barclay say anything special over the phone?" she demanded the instant the door had closed behind Myra. "Anything that you might not want anybody except me to know?"

"No," replied Ellen, half smiling, half sighing at Molly's terrible persistence. "He didn't say anything more than I've told you."

"Was he surprised yesterday when you returned the dress?"

Molly clasped her hands about her knees and stared dreamily out the hot afternoon. A little smile flickered across her lips.

"I've been thinking," she remarked meditatively, "and believe you were right in declining his invitation this afternoon. He will appreciate you all the more for checking him at first. Men are like that."

"I didn't refuse for that reason and I'm sure you know I didn't," said Ellen in intense exasperation. "We've gone over and over this and you know exactly how I feel. I can't think of anything so dishonest as encouraging a man I don't love."

"Well," countered Molly in well simulated surprise, "I for one can't understand your ethics. Do you think it less dishonest to go running around with a man who is not free, a man engaged to another girl?"

Ellen was halted. "I'm not proud of that part of it," she said in a ashamed voice.

"The trouble is that you always believe you're right and I'm wrong," Molly continued in a sad little tone. "I'm older and more experienced. I'm your mother and you should respect my opinions. I can't see why any girl would want to risk her reputation—that's what you're doing—running around with a man who cared so little for her as Larry Harrowgate seems to care for you when—"

"When there is a chance of roping in a rich man," Ellen interrupted furiously.

"It's just as easy to love a rich man as a poor one," Molly agreed placidly, ignoring the storm signals. "There were dozens of other



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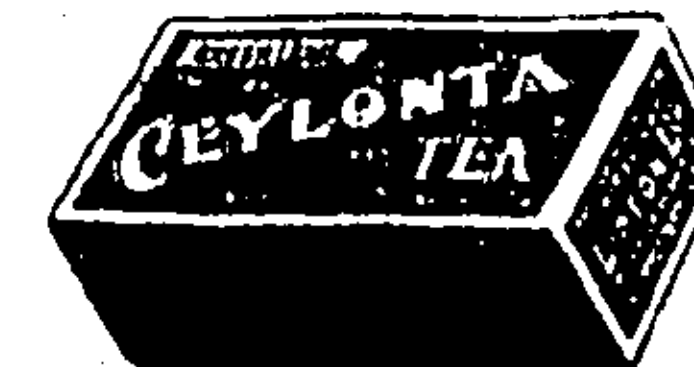
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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 30th April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, 25th April, 1932.

By Order,  
 S. A. SLEAP,  
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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 23rd April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon Introduction by a Member. Payment of All Chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1932.

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### VIEWS OF SYDNEY CRITICS

Another of the recent conquests of Alexander Brailowsky, who plays here on Friday, 29th inst., at the King's Theatre, was in Australia where the young Russian pianist was hailed as a "God of his instrument".

Typical was the notice of the Sydney *Sunday Times*—"Wizard of the Keys Thrills Big Audience." Brailowsky, noted Russian pianist and idol of four continents, proved himself a veritable wizard of the keys. His mastery of interpretation, his sense of proportion, his poise, infinite capacity for conveying emotion, swept his audience into storms of applause, and his hands—the strong tapered hands of the artist—on the keyboard were sheer delight. Not since Paderewski played in Sydney have music lovers had such a feast of pianoforte music. The reception accorded the famous pianist was a tribute to his genius and to the musical taste of his hearers.

Other critics agreed. "The Sydney public is fortunate in the opportunity of hearing Brailowsky whose recitals are the most artistic events of a season notable for the visits of many celebrities," wrote the *Morning Herald*.

"He manifested the mind and spirit of the master musician, with technique to support his interpretation of the highest flights of the great master," reported the *Sunday News*.

"With each concert," decided the *Daily Telegraph*, "he has steadily emphasised his position in the front rank of world pianists."

Said the *Sydney Sun*:—"He is a player with an extraordinary individuality that attracts and compels admiration in every class of composition."

The *Evening News* acclaimed him "as the finest Chopin interpreter ever heard," and *Truth* felt "the instrument is his medium, the creative souls of the past his inspiration, his message flung to the eternities."

## SCHNEIDER TRIO DELIGHT

### FINE CLASSICAL PROGRAMME

The audience which gathered at the Helena May Institute last evening to hear the Schneider Trio's final recital were given a wonderful treat. In all departments of their work, the famous instrumentalists shone brilliantly and were loudly applauded by their listeners. A rich offering of classical numbers was given, the programme being drawn from Beethoven, Schubert and Marx. Whilst all the numbers were faultlessly played, Beethoven's Trio in B Flat Major was especially fine, the interpretation, balance and tone being perfect.

The full programme was as follows:

- Trio in B Flat Major, Op. 97, Beethoven.  
(a) Allegro Moderato.  
(b) Scherzo (Allegro).  
(c) Andante Cantabile, ma poco con moto.  
(d) Allegro Moderato.  
Trio in B Flat Major, Op. 97, Beethoven.  
(a) Full of fire, but not too fast.  
(b) Adagio.  
(c) Scherzando.  
(d) Danco—Finale.  
Trio in B Op. 99, Schubert.  
(a) Allegro Moderato.  
(b) Andante un Poco Mosso.  
(c) Scherzo.  
(d) Rondo—Finale.

Rain, which yesterday prevented the second series of exhibition tennis matches between Canton and Hongkong players taking place, also caused the cancellation of the event. G. Bodiker, the Canton champion, had to return to-day, and the organisers have decided to abandon the rest of the programme.

## HONGKONG TRADE STATISTICS

### BRITISH PIECEGOODS INCREASE

According to the official returns compiled by the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, the total value of imports of merchandise into the Colony during the first quarter of 1932 amounted to \$170,746,693, a decrease of \$16,187,888 as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1931. Exports totalled \$117,081,133 a decline of \$13,099,613.

For the twelve months ended March 31, 1932, imports were valued at \$721,562,771, an increase of 79,153,591 as compared with the corresponding period in 1930-1931, while exports totalled \$528,950,225 an increase of \$31,904,201, the comparative figures being given below:

	Imports	Exports
1924/5	\$582,017,053	\$509,014,543
1929/30	\$642,309,180	\$496,056,024
1931/32	\$721,562,771	\$528,950,225

The most noticeable feature of the piece goods imports figures is the greatly increased share of this trade enjoyed by Great Britain in the first quarter of 1932, the British share amounting to 66.6 per cent. as against the Japanese share of 4.9 per cent., and the North China share of 24.3 per cent.

### NO COLLUSION.

#### JAPANESE DENIALS OF SOVIET ACCUSATIONS.

Tokyo, Apr. 20. Emphasising that there never can be peace in the Far East without friendly relations between Russia and Japan, the War Office has issued a statement to the Press categorically denying the Soviet accusations of Japanese military aggression at the instigation of White Russians.

The accusation that the Japanese Army and White Russians are in collusion is characterised as a gross slander. It is asserted that the Army has never employed or assisted the Whites.

The statement declares that the Japanese military authorities are exerting their utmost efforts to restore peace and order in Manchuria and Mongolia, but they have absolutely no intention of violating the Soviet rights of territory.

In conclusion the statement hints that the completion of investigations into the dynamiting of the Japanese troop train is likely to reveal that Communists were implicated although reliance is placed on the word of a certain high Soviet official who is quoted as having complained that the activities of the lower grade Communists are frequently embarrassing.—*Reuter*.

#### Japanese Forces.

Tokyo, Apr. 20. That the despatch of further reinforcements to Manchuria may be necessary if the situation worsens is hinted at by the War Minister, in a press interview, which is given prominence in the vernacular papers.

Although the menace was not specified, it is believed that Gen. Araki meant the bandit situation rather than the position vis-a-vis the Soviet, as General Hirose, whose division has just relieved Gen. Tamon's at Harbin, is quoted as ridiculing reports of Russo-Japanese tension.—*Reuter*.

#### Rebels' Attempts at Discrediting.

Tokyo, Apr. 20. The War Office appears to be deeply concerned at the situation in North Manchuria where anti-Manchukuo troops are reported to have begun large scale operations "aiming at discrediting the Manchukuo's ability to maintain peace and order in the eyes of the League Commission, at the same time spreading reports for the purpose of disheartening the Manchukuo forces."

According to reports reaching here, Manchukuo troops have lost their fighting spirit, and are falling back before anti-Government forces who are advancing without resistance.—*Reuter's Morning Post Special*.

## CHINA ACCEPTS LEAGUE PLAN

### APPROVES LOCAL SETTLEMENT

Nanking, Apr. 20. Contrary to expectations the Foreign Office spokesman this evening announced that the Chinese Government had decided to accept the Geneva resolution and had instructed Mr. W. W. Yen accordingly.—*Reuter*.

Previously it was stated that the Government had sent instructions to the Chinese delegation at Geneva to reject the Committee of Nine's resolution, so long as it includes a "return to normal conditions" as a *sine qua non* for the Japanese withdrawal.—*Reuter*.

#### Majority Decision.

Geneva, Apr. 20. Some stir has been created by a report from Tokyo to the effect that Japan will refuse to agree to the resolution empowering the mixed Commission to fix a date for the withdrawal. On its receipt Mr. Hyman arranged to confer with Mr. Nagatani and Mr. Yen this morning.

The draft resolution empowers the Commission at the request of one of the parties to pronounce when the time has arrived, when a complete withdrawal can be reasonably effectuated, hoping that any decision will be unanimous, but failing unanimity, any decision taken by the majority will be valid. The Chairman will have a casting vote. It urges the parties to the dispute to resume negotiations, and animated by the determination for a rapid conclusion, begs the specially interested Powers to continue their assistance.

It concludes by saying that in the event of failure on agreement, the whole question may be brought for the consideration of the full assembly.—*Reuter*.

#### Reducing Taxes.

Shanghai, Apr. 20. The Municipal Council of the Settlement is giving serious consideration to the question of the partial remission of taxation on Chinese ratepayers in the eastern and northern districts of the Settlement who have been directly affected by the recent trouble. Proposals to this effect were placed before the new Council members at the meeting to-night and an official announcement will be forthcoming as soon as details have been worked out and decided upon.—*Reuter*.

#### High Praise to Sir Miles Lampson

Shanghai, Apr. 20. The *China Times* this afternoon, in deprecating what it terms "reckless charges against special district courts" by Gen. MacNaghten, former Chairman of the S.M.C., at the annual meeting of the Settlement ratepayers, pays a warm tribute to Sir Miles Lampson, who, it says, has been tirelessly striving for a successful issue of the Shanghai Armistice negotiations.

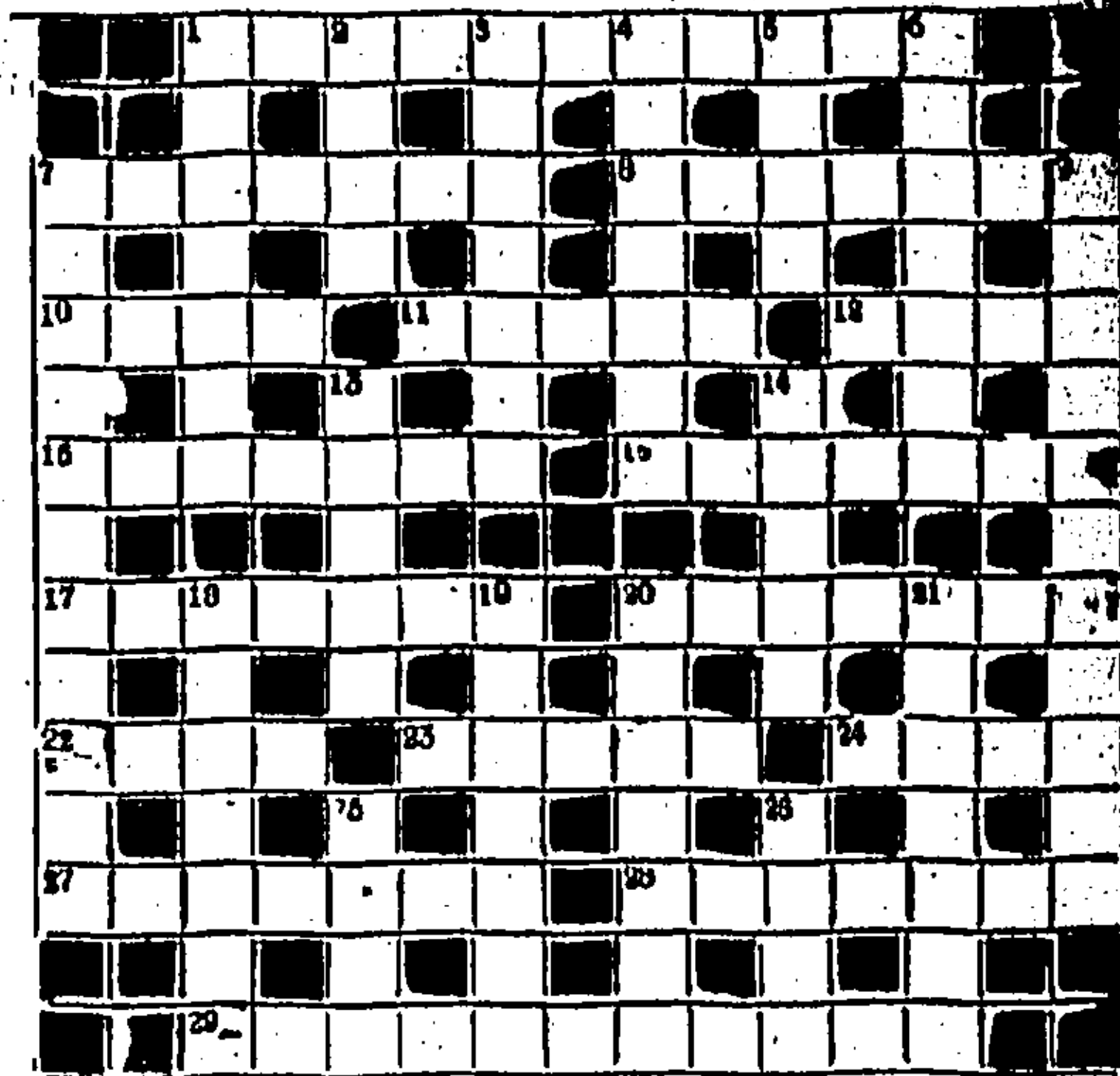
After referring to the improved relations between China and the Powers the paper says: "What particularly impressed China is the fact that since the appointment of Sir Miles Lampson there have been repeated concrete proofs of British friendship and goodwill to China which have produced the happy result of removing all the misunderstandings caused by the May 30 incident in 1925, and the relations between the Nationals of China and Britain have now attained a degree of friendship and goodwill unprecedented in their relations."—*Reuter Special*.

#### P. AND O. COMPANY.

##### DIVIDEND DECLARED ON PREFERRED STOCK.

London, Apr. 20. The P. and O. Company has declared an interim dividend on cumulative preferred stock for the half year ended March 31 at the rate of five per cent. per annum. They regret they are unable at present to declare an interim dividend on deferred stock.—*Reuter*.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 A Madeira Race apparently embodies the true friendly spirit.
- 7 A Roman 25 and perfume give a man's name.
- 8 To brag about a doctor is just swaggery.
- 10 Looks like a spoiled vote.
- 11 Biblical hero.
- 12 New Zealand bird that cannot fly.
- 15 A Thackeray name.
- 16 This is really good in Lancashire.
- 17 What the batsman did in a revised version of "Dickens" (anag.).
- 20 A lady who went to the "demolition bowwows."
- 22 Displace part of a moustache.
- 23 Not a thousand miles from Windsor.
- 24 Mop.
- 27 The dropping of a letter shows a prophet and one spelling of a place that was very sacred.
- 28 Possibly a patient of Torquemada's.
- 29 A precarious sort of existence (three words).

#### Down

- 1 "Watch O.C.": see how changed he looks in a redskin make-up (anag.).
- 2 He bet me a tenner I couldn't enter (hidden).
- 3 I suppose this keeps Communist documents together?
- 4 Conferring a title that may keep

- 5 Does this explain why poetry is such a frost nowadays?
- 6 Shuffling.
- 7 Volving lines (anag.).
- 9 "Arlo" is a short example of this sort of word.
- 13 Dance.
- 14 Thin stuff that sounds as if it pierces.
- 18 Wolsey's home-town.
- 19 A name held in affectionate memory by old Rafteroaders.
- 20 "—, Ries, Strauss, and Pfitz"—a quartette of Victorian memory.
- 21 Fascinate with final irritation.
- 25 Final phase of a rebellion.
- 26 An Eastern tongue.

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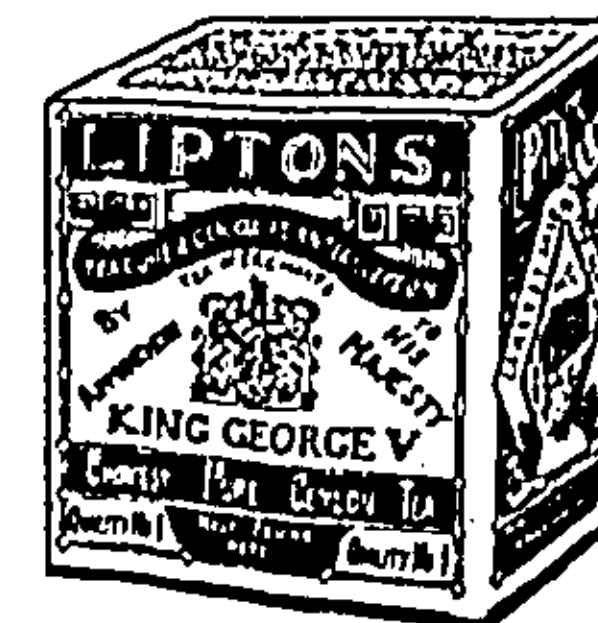
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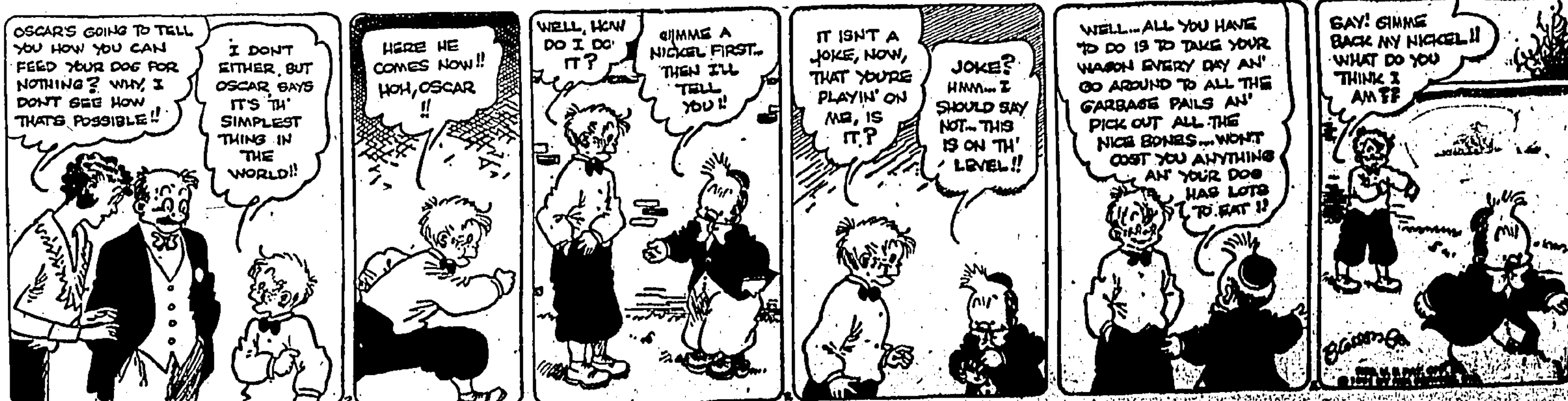
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1932.

## A CAUTIOUS BUDGET

Of all the adjectives which have been used by the London Press in describing Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Budget, "cautious" is probably the one which most truthfully reflects the spirit in which the nation's financial problems have been faced. Indeed, it will not be at all surprising if, by this time next year, it is found that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has been unduly conservative in his estimates of income. There are, happily, prospects of improving trade and more employment, and, if these are realised, the financial situation should be correspondingly bettered. Mr. Chamberlain, however, is apparently content to err, if at all, on the right side. Millionaires do not seem to be in a hurry to die, with the result that last year the death duty receipts did not come up to anticipations. Whether the Treasury is banking on some of last year's "expectations" dying more in accordance with schedule in the coming twelve months, and is framing its estimates accordingly, has not been disclosed.

Speaking generally, it must be conceded that Mr. Chamberlain's Budget is featureless when contrasted with the emergency proposals put forward last September by Lord Snowden. The situation then, with a prospective deficit of £74,000,000, called for drastic remedies, and these were certainly applied to good effect. Indeed, the Snowden plan, which completely changed the outlook, yielded nine millions more than was expected. This naturally simplified Mr. Chamberlain's task. Boded down, the new Budget suggests the likelihood of a deficit of £1,700,000 on the basis of existing taxation, but even on the moderate estimates put forward, there is a prospect of a surplus of £796,000 when the proposed new taxes come into operation. The position is satisfactory, but in view of the heavy burden of taxation under which the people of the Old Country are still struggling, it might reasonably have been hoped that some relief would have been afforded. Instead of that, it looks distinctly probable that living costs may go up as a consequence of the tea-tax proposals. It may be sound finance, in face of continued uncertainties, to consolidate the financial position and ask the people to be patient a little longer, but there is such a thing as straining the patience of the taxpayer, who, on Mr. Chamberlain's own admission, has saved the situation by his sense of duty and citizenship. It is admittedly something to be proud of that, at a time when other nations are finding it impossible to balance their budgets, Britain should have so well managed her financial problems as to come out on the right side. But the question does arise whether Mr. Cham-

berlain could not have taken a more optimistic view of the position, and shown some reflection of that attitude by granting relief to those whose sacrifices have made it possible for him to report such a sound position.

The situation is, of course, rendered somewhat uncertain by reason of the fact that the war debts and reparations issues still remain unsettled. The Budget contains no provision under these headings. Everything will depend in this connexion on the outcome of the Lausanne Conference. If, as is indicated, Mr. Hoover does not intend to extend the moratorium, a further complication will be introduced, but it is obvious that there can be no really worldwide trade revival until reparations and war debts have been finally got out of the way. How and when that will happen, time alone will show. In the meantime, these obligations and expectations have to be kept in suspense so far as British finance is concerned.

## Trade Wars.

At the present moment when there is still much talk of persuading the Powers to declare a boycott upon Japan, it might be enquired whether anybody has any adequate notion of how such a boycott should be organised and enforced. Very considerable as is the trade between Britain and Japan, at its largest it engages the attention of comparatively few British business houses. In 1930 Britain bought from Japan £8,064,000. Exports to the same country were £8,229,000. Imports are almost wholly of silk; exports largely of machinery and manufactured goods. Should Britain, either independently or in connexion with the League, declare a boycott, it would mean imposition of heavy loss, probably of bankruptcy, upon a group of importers and manufacturers. What would be the attitude then towards this limited class upon whom would fall the entire cost of disciplining Japan? Would its loss be made good from the treasury? When a nation goes to war its young men within certain age limits become universally subject to conscription. They endure on the battlefield incredible sufferings, and even sacrifice of their lives. Long acquiescence in this form of barbarism has elevated it to something like a religion, and youth is expected to be satisfied by being told that it is sweet and glorious to die for one's country. There are signs of revolt against this theory. But up to the present time, it has not been permissible under the law to seize the property of individuals for warlike purposes without due compensation. Those of us who have urged that there is no sacredness to property which does not accrue even in higher degree to human life, and that therefore capital, wealth, should be as subject to conscription as man power, have been told that under the Constitution this is impossible. It may be true. But if it is impossible would it be possible to put the entire burden of disciplining a refractory and aggressive nation, Japan or any other, upon the limited group of business men having trade relations with that country? We do not know that this matter has ever been adjudicated. We doubt indeed whether it has ever been given serious consideration by the authorities. To-day there is certainly enough discussion of a boycott to justify some sort of official declaration as to how and at whose expense this trade war, only relatively less costly than war of the usual sort, could be waged.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Women.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In reply to "Home's" letter in your issue of the 18th instant, as I am sure that his prejudice against Hongkong women is due to the fact that he has been snubbed by them, I would ask him to take his defeat like a good sportsman, and give honour to whom honour is due:

(1) The crowning glory of man is his health, strength and mental energy.  
(2) The crowning glory of woman is her beauty, modesty and purity.  
(3) Give a man happiness, contentment and peace of heart, mind and soul, which comes from God, and he becomes a man without malice, envy or fear.—Yours, etc., J. P. V. REMEDIOS.

## DAY BY DAY

EVERYBODY GROWS OLD, FEW PEOPLE GROW—Israel Zangwill.

The P. & O. s.s. Chitral has been unavoidably delayed in Hongkong and will not sail until 6 a.m. to-morrow (Friday).

Miss Clementi, daughter of Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi, has left Singapore for home aboard the P. and O. liner Corfu.

Mr. B. Paul will speak on "The Lost Continent" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 8 p.m.

The nominations for a vacancy occurring in the Sanitary Board closed at noon yesterday, the only two names submitted being those of Mr. P. C. Mow Fung, J. P., and Dr. Li Shu-fen.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido and the anticyclone is central to the south of Korea. Forecast:—East winds, moderate; cloudy, fog; mist or occasional rain.

Captain Rosiefsky, master of the s.s. Yuen On, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hoie, at the Marine Court this morning, with having allowed his ship to be so loaded as to submerge the centre of the disc at 7 p.m. on April 19 at the Tung On Wharf. On admitting the charge, a fine of \$100 was imposed.

A further week's formal remand was granted by Mr. Wynne Jones, at the Central Police Court this morning, in the case in which George Arthur de Houx, de Pastree is charged with entering the Colony without a proper passport and with being in unlawful possession of a revolver. His Worship remarked that Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who was appearing for the defendant, had sent a message to say that he was indisposed, suffering, it was feared, from appendicitis. However, he had not received any communication from Swatow regarding the defendant and desired another week's remand.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets were somewhat patchy this morning, a strong demand prevailing for a few selected stocks, but no interest being shown in the rest of the list.

Sales	Buyers
Ewo Cottons Tls. 15	
Douglases \$20 1/2	
Benguet \$15	
Benguet Explorations 29 cents	
Wharves \$143 1/2	
Docks \$21 1/2	
Providents (Old) \$470	
Providents (New) \$22 1/2	
Hotels (Cau. Rights) \$13.15	
Hotels (Rights) \$2.40	
Hongkong Realities \$11.40	
Chinese Estates \$90	
Hongkong Trams \$21 1/2	
Yau-mat Ferries \$35 1/2	
China Lights (Old) \$20 1/2	
Macao Electric \$21 1/2	
Cement (Combined) \$13.20	
Cement (Old) \$5.70	
Mackintosh \$20	
Govt. Loans 3 1/2 % Premium	
Benguet \$15 1/2	
South China Motor "B" \$12	
Humphreys \$16 1/2	
Telephones (P.P.) \$39	
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.60	
S. C. Enterprises \$10	

# THE AIR- WIDOWER

By GERARD FAIRLIE

A NEW FORM of blackmail is being used against me. As usual I am the victim, but the villain in this case is my wife. Let me put it on record that I am an airwidower. When I make a complaint I am told that this state has come upon me of my own choosing. To a certain extent I suppose this is true: my wife has learnt to fly and flies on every conceivable occasion, and behind that statement lies the whole truth of my depressing situation.

Obviously, since she has learnt to fly, she likes flying; equally obviously, since I am an airwidower, I loathe it. I am told that I can put an end to this state of affairs at any moment by agreeing to fly and taking an interest in the air.

In point of fact I have always taken a very great interest in the air ever since machines of my own making, with wings cut from some daily newspaper and attached to the fuselage by means of

staple hinges, occasionally reinforced by match sticks and accented, tried to make the perilous crossing of the burn at the bottom of the garden. But these machines had one inestimable advantage over the aeroplane of to-day; I was not expected, and indeed could not, have gone up in them.

So it will be clear that this method so confidently recommended to me in order to end my premature widowhood is one which I must find another way.

When I point out this indisputable fact to my wife she asks me for the reasons which have brought me to this emphatic refusal to fly. I have three definite objections to the aeroplane of to-day, apart from the one (personal inclination) which in itself would keep me out of the air.

They are Speed, Visibility, and Noise. There are various other smaller objections. I resent, for instance, the distinct possibility that I might be asked to start up the aeroplane by swinging the propeller. Why all aeroplanes should not be fitted with self-starters I cannot conceive, in view of the fact that a perfectly efficient starter is actually on the market. Experts object to the suggestion on the grounds that a self-starter means added weight.

This is indisputable, but the added weight is so very small and is not sufficient to interfere with the efficiency of the machine in view of the added safety and added convenience. A propeller at speed can do infinite damage to something far more resisting than myself.

But the pursuit of safety seems to be about as far from the aeroplane designer's mind as Australia is from England; in other words, just about as far as it can be.

Let us look at the first of the three objections which I have mentioned above—the question of Speed. Every aeroplane, as all the world now knows since all the world-bar one—is now air-minded (this according to my wife), has a certain speed below which it cannot safely fly, and another speed, a few miles per hour slower, at which it cannot fly at all.

Aeroplane designers have been engrossed in making aeroplanes

which will fly faster and faster. They have not been devoting their minds to the far more important point of reducing the speed at which an aeroplane will fly and thus enabling a machine to land very much more slowly and consequently very much more safely. In other words, aeroplane designers have been all out to capture the market which undoubtedly exists for speed and more speed, to captivate the imagination of the man who has a large amount of money to spend, and will spend it on buying a fast racing motor car.

I confess that this attitude is beyond me. I cannot understand why, since an aeroplane designer has to live like anybody else, he should deliberately eschew the big market for the small one. There are far more people who will buy cars in which they are more comfortable and will get about at a reasonable speed than there are people who will buy second-hand cars from Brooklands; and so it must be with flying. If all the world is air-minded.

Commercial aeroplanes, of course, require speed, but there is plenty of room for the designer of the safe aeroplane as well, and with very few exceptions (notably the introduction of slotted wings and of the autogyro) there has been no invention towards the road of safety; all designers seem to have gone by the side-road leading to speed and still greater speed.

To an extent, of course, this is understandable. Wright in 1908 and Bleriot also, and a little later Dunne and the brothers Henry and Maurice Farman, produced machines to fly—and all good health to them. Then came that disturbance known as the Great War, and with its peculiar needs, one of the most important being the necessity of speed, which gave preponderance to any Air Force. But the war ended in 1918, and still been purely a question of increasing the speed and not aiming at lowering it and making flying more safe.

The excuse of the war does not seem to me still to exist after over thirteen years, particularly as commercial designers seem to be making it more difficult for themselves to acquire vast profits by suggesting inconspicuously that the machines they produce that the demand for private aeroplanes is limited to the big sports car owners.

My second objection—the lack of visibility in the modern aeroplane—is a most important one to me. I get into an aeroplane; I rise into the air and I see absolutely nothing except struts and planes and bits of engine. Occasionally I catch a glimpse of the horizon, and it is usually at such an angle that I wish I hadn't seen it. I am told that it is not long before a pilot recovers from this feeling and is able to see comparatively well, but the range of vision is definitely limited to a degree which does not seem to me to be compatible with safety.

Collisions in the air are by no means unknown, and many of these could have been avoided had a clear vision been allowed the pilot by the designer. In this the modern aeroplane has gone back definitely from those produced at the beginning of the war by the brothers Farman.

And then there is this question of noise. Silencers are too heavy and therefore they cannot be used. I am prepared to admit that this is the least of my troubles when in the air, and that perhaps it cannot yet be overcome. But some day it will be possible, and I have not noticed that the trend of modern aeroplane engine construction is any way towards silence.

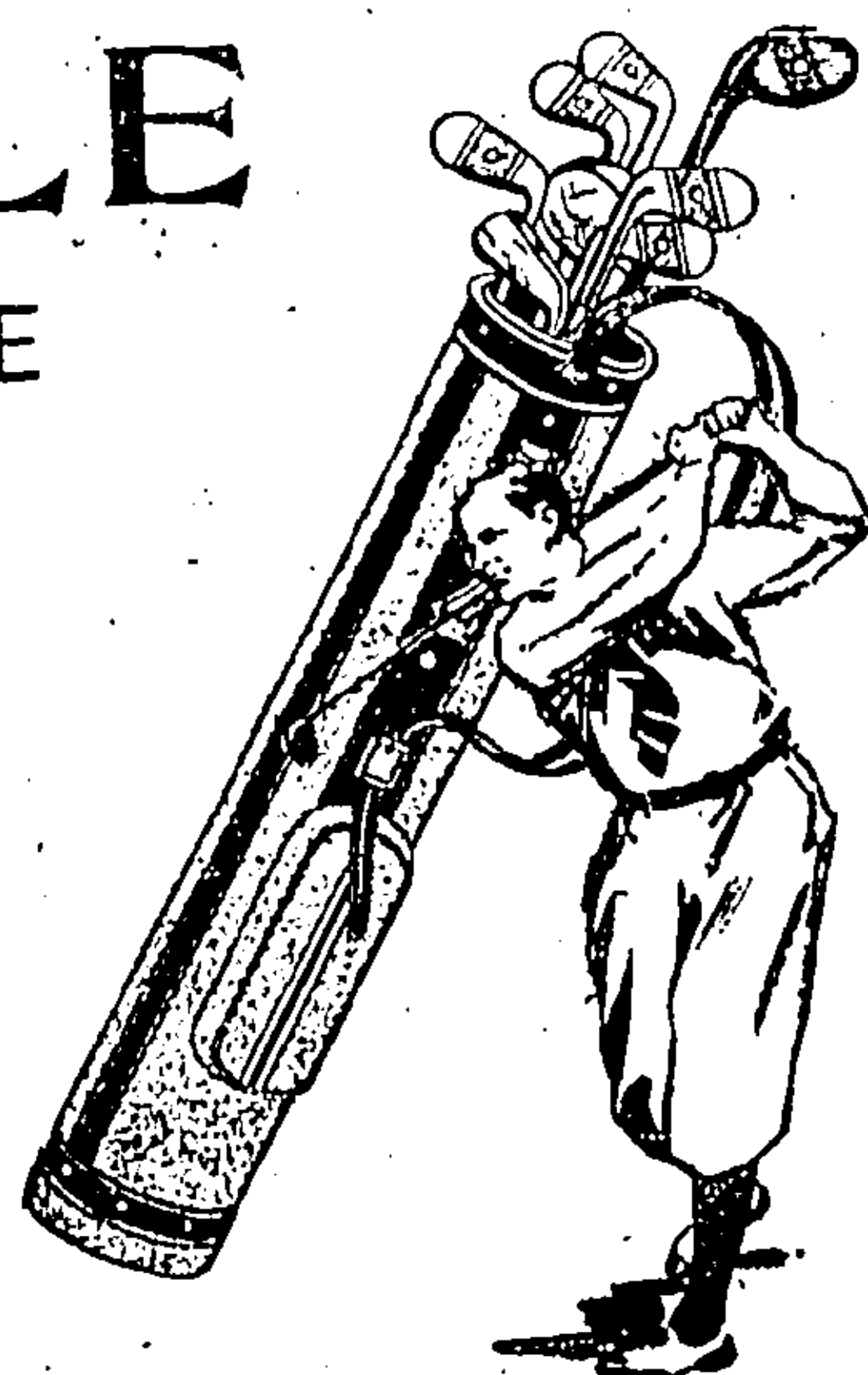
No—I am a severe critic of those in whose hands the evolution of aircraft depends. If I saw that they were trying to do some of the things which I have suggested I might conceivably go up once a year just to encourage them, but at the moment I prefer, because of my personal safety and my personal comfort, to remain on the ground.

## SUGAR MARKET. THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-trenth and Co.

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## MEN &amp; WOMEN IN ARGUMENT

## SPARKLING Y.M.C.A. DEBATE

## LADIES' TRIUMPH

A magnificent closing speech by Miss Curtin proved the deciding factor in the vote at the Y.M.C.A. debate last night, and following the brightest and most entertaining discussion of the season, the lady speakers won the day and secured the acceptance of the motion "That the Professions have been improved through their adoption by woman," by 53 votes to 34.

From the opening address of the proposer, the debate attained a high standard of whimsical, witty and trenchant argument, and the words due between the men and women provided one of the most entertaining evenings of the winter programme of the Y.M.C.A.

Miss K. P. Curtin, who proposed the motion, pointed out that through the ages woman had lent to many professions her powers of stimulation, inspiration, sympathy, tact, intuitive discernment and passionate determination, unacknowledged of men save by the rare few. In support of this Miss Curtin mentioned Cleopatra, who made such successful excursions into the realm of politics, the Queen of Sheba, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. "In the realm of art they had Salome in ancient times and Pavlova in modern times as examples of women who had contributed much to the dance, while in literature there was Sappho in ancient Greece, Jane Austen, the Brontës, Alice Meynell and many others in modern England. In dramatic art there was Mrs. Siddons, Duse, Dame Ellen Terry and Dame Sybil Thorndike, although it had to be recognised that woman's creative work in the Arts was only just beginning, and it would have to be left to future ages to decide the full extent of her powers in this field.

## Woman's Special Qualities.

The speaker went on to refer to the obvious value of women in the nursing, medical and teaching professions, and said that in the legal profession woman brought special qualities, particularly that subtlety so essential to the legal mind. Shakespeare had himself immortalised her powers in this direction in his characterisation of Portia.

Finally Miss Curtin attributed the following qualities to woman, showing how, through them, she was improving the professions:—Moral and physical courage, fortitude, incredible endurance of pain and hardships, determination, reliability and devotion to duty.

Mr. A. E. Jeffries, who led the opposition, was in a humorous mood, and gave the audience the benefit of some of his wittiest observations and epigrams. He quickly got down to his points. "Are there among you any who, having to undergo a serious operation, would go on the table content in the knowledge that the knife was being held by a woman?" he asked. In navigation and engineering, women had only encroached, as they had in the other professions, but had added nothing to them. The teaching profession had been the fashion for women for many years, yet he would bring before them the pitiful case of a woman to whose lot it fell the task of fitting the speaker (Mr. Jeffries) to meeting the world in the kindergarten, women teachers were necessary, but to say that the teaching profession as a whole had been improved by women, well—

## Women Must Bleat!

Mr. Jeffries later gave a few reasons why women could never improve the professions. She lacked decision, he said. A woman could make up her eyes, her hair, her lips, her cheeks, but never her mind! Women lacked solidity, being a slave to fashion in all phases of life.

Woman was so logically constituted, physically, that she could not expect to be so mentally as well. Remind a woman of the scientific fact that her brain-weight was less than a man's and you would incur her wrath, but point out to her that her feet were smaller than yours, and she became your friend for life. Woman's greatest strength was her weakness. Let them rest content that always it would be that men must work and woman must bleat!

Miss H. M. Knill seconded the motion. She argued that the fact that women were being better educated and were now able to take their place in the professional work of to-day, participating in the intellectual, moral and physical interests of the nations, but with the feminine attitude of mind towards the problems that arise in the professions, had of necessity broadened the field of scope

## ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE

## LORD SNOWDEN NOT PLEASED

London, Apr. 20. Lord Snowden, replying to a debate raised by Lord Lloyd in the House of Lords on the Government's trade policy with the Russian Government, said he was not satisfied with the disparity between imports and exports of Russian trade. He had made representations to the Soviet Government and had insisted that as far as it could, steps should be taken to lessen it.

An advisory committee should be given powers to deal with further guarantees for credits for trade with Russia for more than 12 months, without attaching more stringent conditions than in the past.

Negotiations regarding the extent of the credits to be given were in progress, and the policy of guarantee would only be continued if it assisted British industries.—*British Wireless.*

## OPIUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT

## POLICEMAN FIRES A SHOT

An attempt to land 190 taels of raw opium from a sampan on the beach opposite Green Island yesterday was detected by a policeman in plain clothes who was patrolling the beaches in this locality. He fired two shots and a man, who had jumped into the water, evidently with the idea of making the sampan fast to the shore, took fright and fled, pursued by the policeman. Further up the beach, the fugitive was caught by an Indian watchman guarding the cable-heads.

The prisoner was charged before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning with the possession of illicit opium. He was fined \$3,000 with the alternative of nine months' hard labour.

## RUN ORGY BY THE GIANTS

## YESTERDAY'S BALL GAMES

New York, Apr. 20. New York scored a double success in the baseball world to-day, the results being:

National League.		
Philadelphia	5	New York 14
Pittsburgh	7	St. Louis 0
Chicago	2	Cincinnati 7

American League.		
New York	8	Philadelphia 3
Washington	4	Boston 3
St. Louis	5	Chicago 0
Cleveland	1	Detroit 2

## GERMAN "REDS."

## PRUSSIAN POLICE ON THE QUI VIVE.

Berlin, Apr. 20. The Prussian police are searching for the meeting places of Communist "sports organizations" which are suspected of preparing for a revival of the "Red Front" units banned by the police two years ago.

Other German States have been requested to take similar action.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

for the professional man. She had opened up new channels of interest and research, exactly doubling his sources of information and enabling him to do more adequate work for his clients by revealing to him another and very different point of view.

## Superstition and Quackery.

Mr. D. J. S. Crozier supported the opposition, and after dealing with the various arguments of the ladies, concluded by saying that the entry of woman into the professions was not for their improvement, rather it was going to reintroduce the quackery, the superstition, the jealousy and the illogical, which mere man had done so much to eradicate. He concluded with the following paradox:—"At this debate tonight, with so many ladies present, the greatest argument in favour of the motion would be its defeat!"

After a number of comments had been made from the audience, Mr. Jeffries and Miss Curtin replied, both making extraordinarily fine speeches, and the vote was then taken.

The chair was taken by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who announced that the function was the last debate of the season to be organised by the Literary and Debating Society.

## WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.

## SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT DISCLOSED

## ANNUAL MEETING

The firm of William Powell, Limited, made a profit of \$20,745 on its general working account for the year ended April 12th. This was disclosed in the annual report and balance sheet of the Company presented to the 31st ordinary general meeting of shareholders held this morning.

In the absence of the chairman of the Board of Directors (Mr. E. M. Raymond), Mr. J. H. Seth presided. Other present were Messrs. A. Nissim, H. Seth (directors), S. H. Ross and H. J. M. Figueiredo (shareholders) and W. L. Alexander (secretary).

## Chairman's Speech.

Mr. J. H. Seth said:—"Before proceeding to report upon the affairs of your company, I have to record, with feelings of deep regret, the loss we have sustained by the death of Mr. Manuk on the 7th instant. Mr. Manuk joined the Board on September 1922 and has served the company as a director continuously since then. His death is a great loss to the company as his large and varied business experience enabled him to take long views, and suggest practical solutions to most problems."

Mr. F. E. Skinner resigned his position as acting secretary at June 30 last and Mr. W. L. Alexander was appointed secretary.

It is gratifying to be able to report that in both our outfitting and tailoring departments, sales have not only been maintained, but increased, and this is reflected in the general working account which shows a profit of \$20,745.77 for the year against \$16,718.60 for the previous year.

The year under review has seen violent fluctuations in exchange and although, in common with other stores, this necessitated adjustments in selling prices, we have, I am pleased to say, maintained our reputation for supplying the best at a moderate price.

During the year we sold our investments at a profit of \$3,577.83 and this amount has been placed to the credit of profit and loss account.

## Heavy Depreciation

In order to bring stocks on hand into the books at present replacement values, depreciation has been fairly heavy, but your directors feel that this is wise, and a policy that will meet with your approval.

Turning to the balance sheet, under assets you will see that stocks on hand and in transit at February 29, 1932 amounted to \$121,746 as against \$126,301.000 at 28th February 1931, and that the item "Investments at Cost" has disappeared.

Under liabilities, general reserve account has been increased by the amount appropriated at the last general meeting and stands at \$12,500.00. Sundry creditors are \$15,556.66 as against \$14,665.70 at February 28 1931, and bank overdraft is reduced from \$27,177.65 to \$163.08.

## Premises Sold.

The premises now occupied by us have been sold and in terms of our lease we must deliver up possession on September 30th, 1932. So far we have not been offered suitable premises to move into but the matter is receiving your Directors' careful attention.

I will now move "That the report and accounts as presented be adopted including the payment of a dividend of 20 cents and a bonus of 10 cents per share to shareholders on the register at April 12 1932, to place to the general reserve the sum of \$7,500 and to carry forward the sum of \$5,345.17."

Mr. Nissim seconded the motion, which was carried.

## Other Business.

Mr. Figueiredo moved and Mr. Ross seconded a motion for the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. J. H. Seth, A. Nissim and H. Seth to the Board of Directors.

This was carried unanimously. Mr. E. M. Raymond was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$325.

Professor R. Robertson, Professor of Economic and Political Science, Hong Kong University, will deliver a lecture on "Machiavelli" on Monday, 25th inst., at 8.30 a.m. in the Union Assembly Hall, I.K. University. The lecture is open to the public.

Mr. M. J. Breen returned from leave yesterday by the a.s. Chitral and relieves Mr. R. W. Hamilton as Postmaster-General to-day. It is stated that Mr. Hamilton will succeed Mr. J. D. Lloyd as superintendent of Imports and Exports.

## PIECEGOODS CASE DEFENCE

## MONS. DELCOURT'S EVIDENCE

Evidence for the defence was heard in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in the action brought by Messrs. Pinguet and Company, No. 5, Queen's Road Central against Messrs. Compagnie Optorg, of Shanghai and Prince's Building, Hongkong. Plaintiff is claiming \$3,105 as damages for alleged breach of agreement to prevent a price war in the market of fancy suitings.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., is for plaintiff, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is defending.

Giving evidence for the defence, Mons. Delcourt stated that in 1926, Messrs. Optorg sold 50 cases of suiting at \$4.30 while plaintiff only sold ten. In 1927 Optorg sold 90 and plaintiff sold 26.

It was not until he met Mr. Pinguet on the ferry in February, 1928, that they had discussion as to competition, but Optorg's shop was better known than Pinguet's, who found they had to sell five cents cheaper. He also remarked, "Do you realise we are the playthings of the Chinese and if we do not come to an arrangement between ourselves they will be able to put our prices up or down as they like?"

## Friendly Arrangement.

As a result of the conversation said witness, they came to a friendly arrangement on the basis of a policy of mutual support, but there was no agreement between them binding Optorg's to sell at five cents more. On the contrary, said Mons. Delcourt, he considered he was entitled to sell at the same price as plaintiff if he wished.

Witness said it never entered his head that he was entering into a binding contract, and he had never looked at it in that light. It was merely a friendly arrangement for mutual support in the market.

He continued that he acted on the arrangement, but, in 1928-29, a Chinese competitor entered the market and plaintiff's price suffered in consequence but Optorg's did not suffer to the same extent. Mons. Delcourt said he advised Mr. Pinguet to hold on a bit in case he could get a better price and Mr. Pinguet said he would do so.

## Price-Cutting.

Witness continued that he went to Shanghai and returned to Hongkong September, 1929, when he made his usual courtesy calls on his business acquaintances in Hongkong, going also to Mr. Pinguet's office.

At that office, witness said he was informed by Mr. Pinguet that he had given a guarantee to his compradore and brokers for their selling the suitings at five cents cheaper than whatever Optorg's price was. When witness pointed out that that course was against their mutual support arrangement and the matter should have been talked over, Mr. Pinguet said he had taken that course to encourage his compradore and brokers to get orders.

Mr. Pinguet then referred to the No. 2 quality suitings and asked whether it was to be a price war or not.

In dealing with subsequent developments, witness said that one day Mr. Pinguet rang him up and started to abuse him in French. "I have not the English vocabulary," said witness, "to translate it into English."—(Laughter).

## To Spoil Market.

Mr. Potter remarked that Mr. Pinguet did not agree with that and contended it was not true. Witness further said that Mr. Pinguet threatened to spoil the market for the No. 1 suiting by underselling Optorg's as much as 20 cents a yard if witness sold the No. 2 quality at \$4.30 a yard instead of a higher price, which, price witness explained, he could not obtain from the dealers.

After that, witness told Mr. Pinguet that if he was going to be hostile it would mean that they would have to break all business relations, and after that he (witness) acted carefully, as his confidence in Mr. Pinguet had been shaken.

The case is proceeding.

## KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

## HIGH HANDICAP COMPETITION.

There will be 18 holes medal play on handicap on Sunday All competitors are required to tee off before 11 a.m.

J. J. King, G. D. Reid, J. B. McCaw, W. J. Woolley, H. S. Dinahlo, A. Urquhart, W. Groves, A. A. Loughton, V. Stock, J. S. Smith, A. L. Powell, J. Buller, A. W. Torrible, L. J. Cave, E. R. Price, A. Chairman, W. R. Hillyer, S. MacNider, H. T. Buxton, G. Gellatley, W. Kerr, J. G. Moyer.

The competition is open to members with handicaps of 12 or over.

## RADIO BROADCAST

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

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6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

6.00-6.22 p.m. Orchestral and Band Music.

Sambro et Mousse (Planquette).

Le Pere de La Victoire (Ganne).

La Garde Republicaine Band. B2008.

Misadventure Suite (A Tone Journey) (Grofe).

Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra. B2685.

The Gipsy Princess-Potpouri (Kaiman).

Ferdie Kaufmann and His Orchestra. B2698.

6.22-6.35 p.m. Organ Solos.

Love's Garden of Roses (Haydn Wood).

Chanson (Friml).

Reginald Foort. B2988.

Dreams of Yesterday ("Virginia").

Waller and Tunbridge.

Was I a Dream? (Conlaw, Spler and Britt).

F. Rowland-Tims, F.R.C.O. B2905.

6.35-6.55 p.m. Humorous Numbers.

Filthy Lucio. Wish Wynne. B3030.

Over the Garden Wall.

John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge. B3085.

Geranium. Nellie Wallace.

'E's a Wonder. Will Kings. B3101.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

6.55-7.25 p.m. Tangos.

Eine Nacht in Monte Carlo.

Bleibe Bei Mir.

Das Madel Hat Sex Appeal.

Marek Weber and His Orchestra. V-0160-V-0167.

7.25-7.45 p.m. Operatic.

Traviata-Selections (Verdi).

Crescenta's Band. B3807.

Jewels of the Madonna-Intermezzo (Wolf-Ferrari).

Victor Sym. Orchestra. B3976.

7.45-8.00 p.m. Hawaiian Music.

Guitar Duet-Hawaiian Waltz Medley.

Guitar Duet-Killima Waltz.

Frank Ferera and John K. Paulini. B2309.

Orchestral-White Birds.

Hawaiian Orchestra. V-81.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

## WUCHOW NOTES

## ANOTHER BRITISH PLANE

Wuchow, Apr. 19. A large grey biplane arrived in Wuchow from the east yesterday morning, and several hours later left the air field for Nanning. The plane is alleged to be another one of the shipment of fourteen large planes which a British aeroplane concern is supplying the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

The workmen installing Wuchow's waterworks system are at present erecting wooden forms and adjusting reinforcement iron preparatory to pouring concrete, which is to be used in constructing the reservoir which will later supply the city with water.

The site selected for the storage system is on a high knoll overlooking the city on the east side. All of the water mains have already been laid in the streets, and the majority of the piping, which connects the houses to the mains, also has been completed.

Work on the new Wuchow Post Office building continues to make progress, although the recent period of inclement weather was not conducive to building operations.

Mr. David M. Maynard, Assistant American Trade Commissioner, who has his headquarters in Hongkong, was a recent visitor to the foreign community of Wuchow. Mr. Maynard made the trip up the West River in the interests of the department which he represents.

The student enrolment of the Kwangsi University has been greatly increased, and at present there are over 600 students attending classes. All except a score of these students are from Kwangsi Province. The grounds of the University have been wonderfully improved under the able direction of Mr. Hsiung, professor of agriculture of the University, who has introduced an extensive plan of landscape gardening, which adds beauty to the natural setting of the University. Thousands of trees and shrubs, as well as smaller varieties of plants and flowers have been planted during this year.

Last week one of the local moving picture theatres showed pictures of the recent Shanghai "war." Capacity audiences crowded in to witness the latest news from the Sino-Japanese front.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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In the conduct of our business, we pursue a well formulated and consistent policy which makes our company distinctive and sets it apart from most other concerns having to do with the real estate business.

The basic principle of the policy lies in the fact that we are realtors, or real estate agents. As such we act as the medium for bringing together buyers and sellers, receiving our compensation from the commissions received on sales which are made. We only purchase land for resale in the case of a forced sale or sale made under circumstances where it is possible to make a purchase for quick resale at a satisfactory profit. In making these purchases for our own account, we have always been guided and actuated by two principles. The first is that as we are, in none of our activities, in competition with our clients, and we do not purchase for our own a property desired by a customer. The second is that, as we are not speculators in real estate, we do not make purchases in anticipation of profits which might come from increased values of the future, except when from advance information of improvements, and or, strategic locations with no prospective buyers, and then we purchase with the basic idea of a quick turnover with reasonable profits to the company, allowing clients to make money.

This policy is based on sound business reasons. We are dealers in, not purchasers of, real estate and as dealers it is our first duty to serve our clients. If instead of handing on to our clients the choice purchases which are available, we took them for ourselves, we would be betraying their confidence and would lose the position of trust we hold to-day and cease to be the real estate market place of Shanghai. When a prospective purchaser of real estate comes to us, he may rest assured that our honest duty to help him make the best investment possible is not obscured by any desire on our part to build up real estate holdings for ourselves.

The value of real estate sales we have negotiated, the increasing number of investors who come to us unsolicited as the natural and logical place to come when wishing to invest in real estate shows that a very large portion of the investing public is familiar with our policy and appreciates how its consistent application safeguards their interests.

## MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES.

It is for a similar reason that we are handling a growing amount of business as the managers of estates, taking care of the leasing of houses, apartments, godowns, etc., collecting

the rents and taking care of the other details which go with the management of property. Here again we have no motive but to serve the best interest of our clients. We can manage these properties as if they were our own because we have no competing interests. We have no rental properties of our own; no residences, apartments, tenements or godowns.

The property owners whose estates we manage know that of the many who come to real estate headquarters as prospective tenants none will be diverted from the premises owned by them because of a desire to gain revenue from property owned by ourselves. In the rental as in the purchase of property, we are not in competition with our clients.

The growing amount of business we do in the arrangement of real estate transactions as well as the management of estates quite naturally has made this company the headquarters for the negotiation of mortgages. Very few purchases of real estate are made without a mortgage for a part of the purchase price and as the administrators of so many estates it is natural that the landlords should come to us when they need financial assistance for the purchase or development of properties.

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## S.W.B. CHAMPIONS

### FINAL MATCH OF THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL

The South Wales Borderers are champions of the third division of the Hongkong Football League, for although they drew with the Royal Air Force in the last match of the season, yesterday, it did not alter their position on the top of the list.

The game was scheduled to start at 4.30 p.m., but at 5.15 the official appointed to referee had not arrived, so the captains agreed that Mr. J. Gomes should officiate.

The game ended in a one-all draw and the result places the Borderers and R.A.F. in the respective positions of winners and runners-up. It was a curious coincidence that the last game of the season should be drawn, as it was the first drawn game in the division.

#### Final League Table.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.W.B.	10	8	1	1	44	7	17
R.A.F.	10	7	2	1	38	9	16
Teccelo	10	7	3	0	30	18	14
R. E.	10	4	6	0	20	24	8
St. Joseph's	10	3	7	0	20	42	6
Radio S.C.	10	0	10	0	11	76	0

#### P.W.D. v Sanitary Dept.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy and Mr. G. H. Sayer were interested spectators at the match played yesterday on the Hongkong F.C. ground between teams chosen from the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department, the result being a win for the P.W.D. by the odd goal in three. There was a large attendance, each department being well represented and each movement was closely watched by their respective supporters.

The Sanitary Department pressed from the kick-off, and early in the game took the lead through Tavelin. The P.W.D. fought back gamely and scored through Moore. The teams were level at the interval. The P.W.D. had the better of the exchanges in the second half, Moore again netting to win the match.

The game resulted:—P.W.D., 2; Sanitary Dept., 1.

At the close of the game the teams were drawn up before the stand. The Hon. Mr. Cressy presented a "Cup" to the winners and a "Shield" to the losers.

## HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.

### HELD TO A DRAW BY THE Y.M.C.A.

The Radio Sports Club, champions in the Mamm Shield Tournament, engaged the Y.M.C.A. in a friendly match at King's Park on Tuesday evening, and contrary to all expectations were held to a draw.

The Y.M.C.A. men played well to hold the fast Radio forwards, but their attacking line was not too strong. G. Singh scored for the Radio in the first half of the game, and G. C. Burnett equalized during the second half.

#### Police Team Beaten.

A team from the Police were beaten by H.M.S. Cumberland at King's Park by four goals to nil, the losers playing one man short throughout. Harrington scored twice and Tollop and Andrews once each.

## MACAO RACE MEETING.

### FIXED FOR MAY 8 AT THE MACAO COURSE

Following a meeting of the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club on Tuesday, it was decided that the Second Extra Race Meeting of the Macao Club which was twice postponed, first on account of the meningitis epidemic in the Portuguese Colony, and for the second time last Sunday because of inclement weather resulting in the Fanning course being flooded, will be held on Sunday May 8 in Macao.

All handicaps for the seven events of the meeting, which have already been published, will hold good, and ponies winning races subsequent to April 17 will be eligible to race at the meeting.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN.

### CLOGHEEN WINS HANDICAP AT EPSOM.

The City and Suburban Handicap, run at Epsom over a mile and two furlongs to-day resulted:

Clogheen	1
Venturer	2
Wild Son	3

Betting:—20-1 Clogheen, 11-2 Venturer, 25-1 Wild Son.

There were 16 starters. Won by four lengths with a head between second and third.—*Reuter.*

## SHAUKAT ALI

### TO MARRY BEAUTIFUL YORKSHIRE GIRL.

Bombay, Apr. 20. A beautiful English girl, Miss Formby, a native of Yorkshire and former wife of an Arab prince will marry Shaukat Ali, the Moslem leader here on April 21. Miss Formby is a recent convert to Islam.

Shaukat Ali is to lecture in America later in the year. His terms are reported to be the most lucrative ever offered an Oriental.

—*Reuter.*

## NUDIST CULT IN HONGKONG.

### WHAT SIR ROBT. HO TUNG THINKS

"It is too much ahead of the times," was the personal opinion of Sir Robert Ho Tung, when asked about the nudist movement in Hongkong on his arrival in Singapore en route to Europe. "It is moving pretty fast there, and there has been much correspondence about it, but I have not been able to follow the question up as I have been very busy. But I think public opinion is very strong against the mixing of the sexes."

"At present," he continued, "it has been chiefly supported by a section of the European population, with a Mr. H. E. Lanepart at their head. But I do not think the Chinese will adopt it for a long time to come yet. You know what the Chinese are with regard to the sex question. I do not think that movement will be successful among the Chinese unless each sex is separate. From the Chinese point of view they think they can find other means of benefiting their health besides going nude."

Asked whether he knew anything about the island Mr. Lanepart was endeavouring to obtain for the nudist cult, where the followers could pursue their activities, Sir Robert answered, with a smile, "That is a very good idea of his but it remains to be seen whether he will get such an island."

Sir Robert then touched on the modern Chinese girl. With a smile he said it was not an easy subject to talk about. He thought they were progressive and very up-to-date. "On the whole their modernization is a step in the right direction," he went on. "They are much more enlightened, much more educated, take to modern ideas very well and, on the whole, behave well. Sometimes, of course, they have too much freedom, but that is to be expected."

"We should like to see the Chinese modernized, but with this reservation—that they keep their own traditions. The Chinese have some very fine traditions."

## LADY'S HANDBAG STOLEN

### LAD FOUND GUILTY AT KOWLOON

Giving his age as 14, but looking older, Lau Kam-yuen, a ruffian worker, was charged before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with the theft of a handbag, the property of Mrs. E. Kutz, a passenger on the Empress of Russia lying alongside Kowloon Wharf.

Prosecuting, Detective Inspector Elston said Sultan Mohammed, an Automobile Association scout, was standing at the car-park in Salisbury Road yesterday morning when he saw the defendant holding a ladies' handbag and stuffing money into his pocket. His suspicions were aroused and he questioned the defendant, who thereupon ran away, but was chased, caught and taken to the Water Police Station. The contents and the bag were worth \$400 (Hongkong currency).

Defendant denied the charge, saying that he was given the bag by a coolie, who told him to wait for him in Salisbury Road.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship convicted the defendant. Inspector Elston said that from inquiries made by the police, it appeared that defendant's parents were dead. He had been sent from the country to Hongkong by his grandfather, who intended him to be a ruffian work, and with this end in view, put him in a ruffian shop in Canton Road. He was dismissed about six weeks ago for being lazy.

His Worship decided to send the defendant to the S.C.A. for further enquiries and postponed sentence until Saturday.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Monday.	Yesterday.
Paris	95.15/16	95 1/2
Geneva	19 1/2	19.40
Berlin	16.31/32	16.55
Oslo	20.3/10	20 1/2
Helsinki	21 1/2	21 1/2
Athens	300	300
Buenos Aires	80 1/2	80 1/2
Shanghai	17.15/16	17.20/22
New York	3.78 1/4	3.76 1/4
Amsterdam	9.35 1/2	9.30
Vienna	48 1/2	48.3/16
Madrid	48 1/2	48 1/2
Bucharest	1.3/1/10	1.2 1/2
Brussels	12.1/10	20.90
Milan	78 1/2	78 1/2
Stockholm	20 1/2	20 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	127 1/2	127 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/2	110 1/2
London	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	1.6/1/82	1.6/1/10
Yokohama	1.9/1/10	1.9/1/10
Montevideo	29	29
Montreal	4.21	4.19
Silver (spot)	16.11/16	16 1/2
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## CINEMA SCREENINGS.

### NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Naturally, you like an old-fashioned rip-roaring melodrama, filled with fast and exciting action. Everybody does. Do not fail to see "Graft."

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The fine cast includes Regis Tommey, beautiful Sue Carol, Dorothy Royer, Boris Karloff, Richard Tucker, Carmelita Geraghty, and many others.

You will enjoy every minute of "Graft," which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

#### Susan Lenox.

"There's only one in a hundred who dares to go a fashion that is new and original," quotes Adrian, designer of the costumes. Greta Garbo wears in her latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor picture, "Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

"Too conservative," too modest is the typing," continues Adrian, who is enthusiastic over the twenty-two creative costumes he has completed for Miss Garbo.

"Therefore it is such a pleasure to find someone of Miss Garbo's temperament—one who appreciates that something new."

One remembers that when the whole world was going about with a cropped hair Miss Garbo appeared with a shoulder-length hair style.

Those who saw her picture, "Queen of Affairs," will also recall that Miss Garbo appeared in Hollywood's first picture of lounging pyjamas in this production.

And now, when Miss Garbo's new picture is shown on the screen the feminine audience will be treated to a lavish display of dresses and suits and wraps—also pyjamas and negligees—each of original and different styling.

One will recognize the decidedly different silhouette of her evening dresses. Whereas they are now fully flared from knees to floor, Miss Garbo's evening gowns graduate from the slender line to the ankles in a graceful effect with hidden pleats arranged to give comfort in walking.

Also her pyjamas vary from the present styles in that they show narrow trouser cuffs in place of the extremely wide patterns now shown.

#### "A Holy Terror."

Notwithstanding that she is a direct descendant of Mary, Queen of Scots, and that her father was a member of the Royal family of England, Rita La Roy, beautiful screen actress, is one of the most democratic young women of the film colony.

She appears in "A Holy Terror," Fox picture now showing at the King's Theatre.

After financial reverses overtook her father, Miss La Roy found it necessary to find employment. She designed clothes, did interior decorating and was frank enough to confess that she even waited on table with times were hard. "And I could do it again if it became necessary," she declared recently.

Miss La Roy served her apprenticeship in a stock company at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, B.C., had a try at vaudeville on the Orpheum circuit and played roles in several travelling companies before she turned to pictures in 1929, first appearing in "Dynamite." Since then she has played prominent character roles in "Sin Takes A Holiday," "Travelling Husbands," and "Midnight Mystery."

George O'Brien, athletic and handsome leading man, portrays the futuristic role of a scientist who is in love with Sally Eilers in "A Holy Terror." Other notables in the cast are Humphrey Bogart, James Kirkwood, Stanley Fields, Robert Warrick, Richard Tucker and Earl Pingree.

The picture was directed by Irving Cummings.

#### Brilliant Drama.

Remarkably played by one of the finest actors ever seen on the talking screen and produced in notable fashion, John Galsworthy's immortal drama "Escape" will be given its first showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day. It is undeniably one of the most brilliant and thrilling film productions of the year.

"Escape" has proved a most powerful play in its numerous presentations on the legitimate stage, but the screen, providing a wider scope and allowing a great range of pictorial treatment, is by far the better medium for the Galsworthy masterpiece.

Few liberties were taken in the adaptation of the play. The action has been unchanged and additional dialogue kept admirably in the spirit of the original. "Escape" is one play which has proved ideal for direct screen treatment.

Capt. Matt Denant, world war hero and London clubman, is the central figure of the story. Defending a woman against a boozing official of law, Matt strikes a policeman. The official hits a railing in falling and is killed. He is convicted of manslaughter and is sent to Dartmoor prison.

With his health rapidly breaking and rebelling against the prison routine, Matt is successful in his long-planned escape. His flight through the English countryside and the chase by police introduces a score of thrilling and dramatic events, winding up one of the most powerful climaxes ever shown on the screen.

Sir Gerald du Maurier, well known as one of the greatest of legitimate stage actors, plays the lead and makes it an outstanding characterization. Brilliant portrayals are contributed by the entire cast, with Edna Best

## VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE.

### DETAILS OF PROJECT NOW AVAILABLE.

On January 1, 1933, a vehicular ferry service will commence running between the new Hongkong pier and Kowloon. Three boats are being built, for the service, at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000. They will be operated by the successful tenderers for the service, the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, Ltd.

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The three ferries are to run from Hongkong to piers at Jordan Road, Mongkokkai and Shamshui-Po.

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#### Big Wharf Available.

There will be five berths at the main Hongkong wharf, which will be 450 feet long and 300 feet wide. The piers are being built by the Government and will be ready for service by the end of this year. The gangways will be operated by electric machinery of the type already installed on the new Government ferry wharves at Mongkok and Shamshui-Po.

Second and third class passengers will be checked through turnstiles, but this method of entrance will not be used by the first class passengers.

Ample accommodation for passengers is to be provided at the waiting places.

It is proposed to run a 15-minute service from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight. Between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. boats will run at 10 minute intervals.

From midnight to 3 a.m. it is intended that boats shall run every 15 minutes, and if the demand warrants it, the 15 minute service will be maintained until 5 a.m.

It is expected that the rates to be charged will be considerably lower than those set out in the Government Gazette.

On the Kowloon side there will be a parking space for 200 cars. Seventy of these may be placed under cover. A bus service will radiate from the piers at Kowloon for the benefit of passengers.

## I. I. D. CERTIFICATES.

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and Mabel Poulton standing out particularly.

Basile Dean, producer and director of the film for Associated Radio Pictures, deserves the greatest of praise for his treatment of "Escape." The standards high among the great productions of motion picture history.

"Stepping Sisters." Described as the picture with a thousand laughs, "Stepping Sisters," the Fox comedy based on Howard Warren Costello's stage farce of the same name, comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday. The principal roles are enacted by Louise Dresser, Minna Gombell and Johnny Howland, a trio of comedienne whose talents are said to make a peerless combination.

Miss Dresser will be recalled for her talking roles in "Lightnin'," "Caught," and other recent productions. Miss Gombell scored successes in "Bad Girl" and "Sob Sister" before she was assigned to her role in "Stepping Sisters," and Miss Howland is famed for her role of "Mabel" in "The Gold Diggers" on the stage and for her performances in such pictures as "Hook, Line and Sinker," "The Cuckoo" and "The Virtuous Sin."

William Collier, Sr., who portrays an important role, is one of the outstanding comedians of the stage and has been successful in many screen productions including "The Brat," "Annabelle's Affairs" and "Up the River." Others of prominence in the cast are Howard Phillips, whose performance in "The Spider" won him wide acclaim; Ferdinand Munier, stand-in for "Ambassador Bill," Stanley Smith of musical comedy fame; Barbara Weeks, Mary Forbes and Robert Greig, a 338-pound comedian of unusual talents.

The plot concerns the accidental meeting of three former members of the chorus of a burlesque show. This takes place at the lavish Long Island home of one of the trio who has become a prominent member of society. "Stepping Sisters" is declared to be refreshingly new and extremely diverting. The dialogue, too, is said to be of high witty calibre. The play was prepared for the screen by William Conselman, and Seymour Felix, celebrated as a director of dance and musical shows in New York, directed it.

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## MALARIA PROBLEM.

### NEW ANOPHELES MOSQUITO IN EUROPE.

London, Apr. 20.

The birth of a new species of Anopheles mosquito in Europe is suggested in the report of the Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases.

This is based on a discovery by Sir Malcolm Watson that many Anopheles mosquitoes, preferring to feed on cattle, leave man alone. More research is required on the subject, says the report.

Sir Malcolm Watson is now in North Rhodesia, where he is studying the possibility of large-scale experiments on the value of new drugs from which much is hoped, both as regards prevention of malaria and its treatment.—*Reuter's Special Service.*



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Mrs. James F. Kutz, a passenger on the Empress, which arrived about 10 a.m. yesterday, told the police that she lay down to rest in her cabin at 10.30 a.m. prior to going ashore. She placed her handbag containing the money on a vacant bed in her cabin. She then fell asleep and on waking later discovered that her handbag was missing. She telephoned the Water Police Station only to be informed that a Chinese had already been arrested with a bag and notes in his possession. She went to the Police Station and identified the bag and notes as her property.

The Indian Inspector said he was at the car park at Kowloon Point, about 11 a.m. when he noticed a poorly dressed Chinese youth walking past the European Y. M. C. A. carrying a European style handbag. He questioned the Chinese and took him to the Water Police Station.

### COMPANY REPORT.

#### THE H.K. AND YAUWATI FERRY CO.

The eighth annual ordinary meeting of the Hongkong and Yauwati Ferry Company, Ltd., will take place on April 27, in the China Restaurant, at 10 a.m. The directors present the following report:

The net profit for the year including \$8,564.82 brought forward from last year amounts to \$256,194.18. After deducting \$3,200.00 Directors' and auditors' fees; \$26,219.33 loss on operation of Kowloon City ferries; \$111,000 life saving awards and transferring \$150,000.00 to the building reserve a sum of \$76,663.82 remains, which your directors recommend to be dealt with as follows:

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To pay a bonus of 76 cents per share on 40,000 shares	30,800.00
To carry forward	2,913.82
	<u>\$76,663.82</u>

#### Director's Death.

In accordance with the articles of association, all the ordinary directors now retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. The directors have to record with deep regret, the death of one of the managing directors, the late Mr. Lau King-cho, which took place on November 25, 1931.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Li Tung who offers himself for re-election.

### DEATH PARACHUTE.

#### STRANGE ACCIDENT KILLS JAPANESE AIRMAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 20. Lieutenant Fukui, a Japanese military airman, was killed under novel circumstances over Pootung to-day when the parachute which he had strapped to his back suddenly opened and lifted him out from the cockpit, and dashed him

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against the fuselage. The parachute then carried his lifeless body to earth. Sergeant Nomura, who was piloting the machine, managed to land safely. The Chinese authorities gave permission for the despatch of a rescue party to bring back the plane with Fukui's remains and Nomura.—Reuter.

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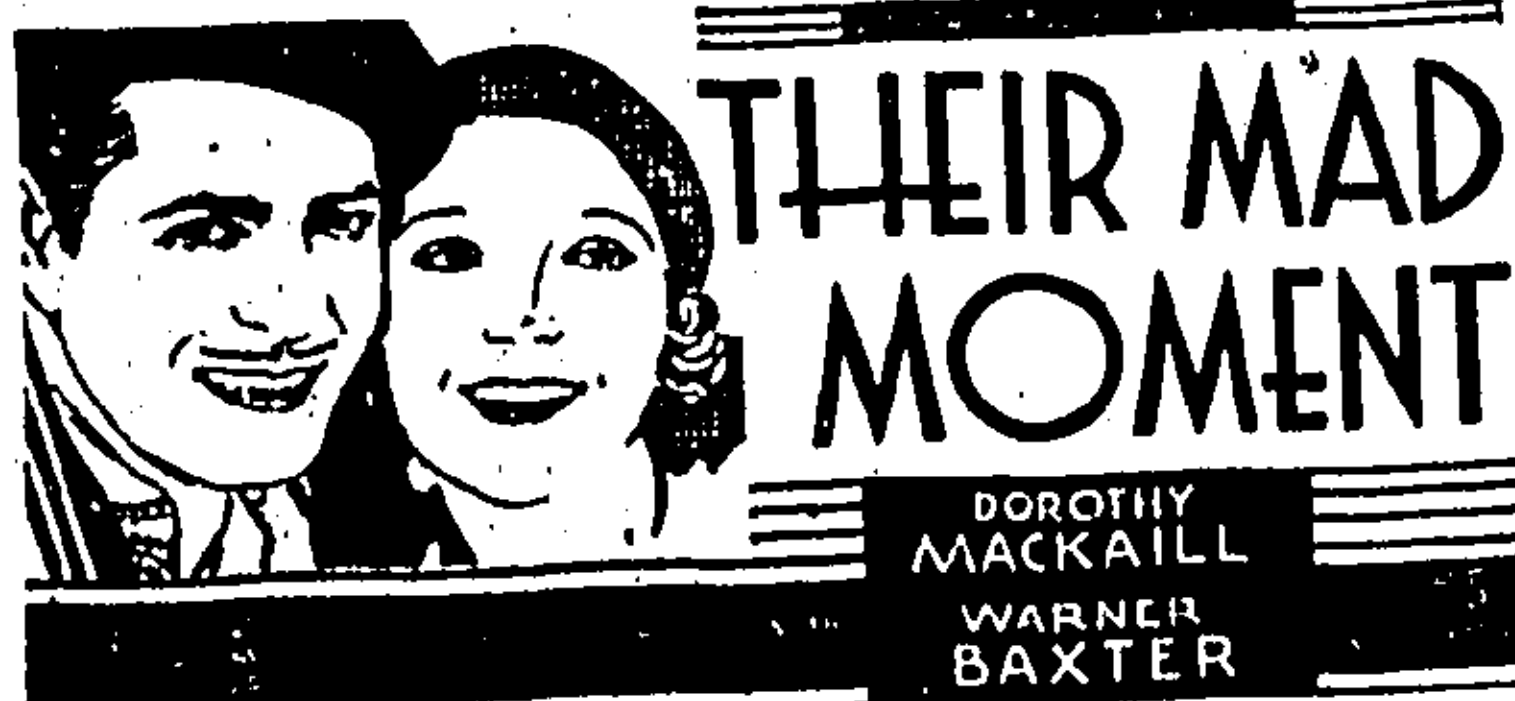
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## Scottish Cup Thrills

Dashing Display by Rangers

### SEVENTH VICTORY

Glasgow, Apr. 20.  
Glasgow Rangers defeated Kilmarnock in the Scottish Cup Final replay by three goals to nil in a match full of thrills to-day.

Over a hundred thousand spectators saw the Rangers win the Cup for the seventh time.

The excitement throughout was intense. It was, indeed, so great sometimes that the referee had to caution the players of both sides for allowing bad temper to creep into the game.

Kilmarnock's goal had an extremely narrow escape in the very first minute, the Rangers commencing with a spirit which suggested that they were not likely to be denied victory on this occasion. Nibloe (who Rumour has it is likely to be playing for Chelsea next season) miskicked in the goal-mouth, and nearly let the Rangers in.

Relentless Pressure.  
The Kilmarnock defenders were subjected to relentless pressure and in the tenth minute opened the scoring. English's overhead kick was punched clear by Bell, but Fleming, rushing in, netted with a fast drive from just outside the penalty area.

Aitken fired in a long shot in a Kilmarnock revival, but Hamilton had no difficulty in clearing. This was the first time that he had handled the ball in the first quarter of an hour's play.

Again Kilmarnock found themselves up against it. Their defence was stout, but Morton found Fleming a hot handful. There was no further scoring before the interval.

Second Half.  
The second half was singularly lacking in sensational incidents. The Rangers attacked strongly. Archibald, Marshall, McPhail and Fleming putting in clever work individually, but being unable for some time to penetrate a splendid defence.

Kilmarnock enjoyed a bigger share of the game for some time, forcing the Rangers' inside forwards to drop back to assistance of their defence. Eventually, however, the Rangers forwards again struck a happy harmony and McPhail scored after 25 minutes play in this half, English getting the third goal ten minutes later.

The Teams.  
Alan Morton was out of the Rangers team for this match, the sides lining up as follows:  
Rangers: Hamilton; Gray, McAulay; Muir, Marshall, Simpson, Brown; Archibald, Marshall, English, McPhail and Fleming.  
Kilmarnock: Bell; Leslie, Nibloe; Morton, Smith, McEwan; Connell, Muir, Maxwell, Duncan and Aitken.—*Reuter.*



M. Andre Tardieu, the French Prime Minister, giving an interview to journalists.

## THREE PREMIERS TO MEET

DISARMAMENT PARLEY

### RAMSAY MAC. IN PARIS

Paris, Apr. 20.  
Quite a surprise has been created by M. Tardieu's sudden decision to accompany Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to Geneva, despite the electoral campaign.

The decision is taken as an emphasis on M. Tardieu's sense of urgency that he should be at Geneva simultaneously with Mr. MacDonald, Dr. Bruening and Mr. H. I. Stimson.

No communique was issued after the meeting of M. Tardieu and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the Quai d'Orsay which lasted forty minutes, but M. Tardieu told journalists that they had discussed everything, especially Geneva.

The Main Topic.  
From this statement, it may be inferred that disarmament was the main topic. M. Tardieu did not display pessimism regarding the disarmament outlook.

The British Prime Minister presided at the usual weekly Cabinet meeting this morning and after luncheon left by air liner for Paris in wet and boisterous weather. He had arranged in advance to meet M. Tardieu this evening. His journey to Geneva, where he will make an important speech at the Disarmament Conference, is being continued to-night. Before leaving London he was seen by his occultist.

## FALL OF AMOY IMMINENT

### CHANG CHEN IN RETREAT

The fall of Amoy to General Sun Lien-chung is expected hourly. General Chang Chen's army is retreating in disorder before the "rebel" army.

H.M.S. Devonshire, which is standing by in Amoy, sent the following message to the local naval authorities this morning:

General Chang Chen's army has split up into two main portions. One portion is retreating southwards in the direction of Changpu, with General Chang Chen, and other is retreating northwards in the direction of Tungan.

A certain number of civilian refugees are landing on Kulangsu and small bodies of armed troops, presumed to be those of General Chang's army, are landing in junks and motor boats in the vicinity of Shihun. They are being evacuated seaward in steam launches, presumably under the direction of Admiral Li, whose gunboats are at present patrolling the waters at Amoy and Kulangsu.

Boat traffic is prohibited by the Chinese naval authorities between 2 a.m. and daylight. The local situation is quiet.

### Geneva Resolution.

In the General Commission of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, the British delegate, Sir John Simon, moved that without prejudice to other proposals for discussion under later heads, the Conference declares its approval of the principle of qualitative disarmament, namely, the selection of certain classes or descriptions of weapons, with a view to prohibiting by international convention their possession or use by any State.

He expressed the view that qualitative disarmament was more effective as the most important thing was that no State should continue to live under a system in which all classes of armaments were allowed.

### Rival Plans.

A proposal on the lines of Sir John Simon's resolution is before the conference in the plan put forward by Italy and the United States. Another plan for the international control of certain armaments has been advanced by France. The Yugo-Slavia delegation supported the latter scheme to-day and Sir John Simon's resolution was approved by the German delegate, Dr. Nadowitz. It was also supported by Sir Thomas Wilford, New Zealand, and Signor Grandi, Italy. The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.—*Reuters and British Wireless.*

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